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Carter rules out attack on Iran for time being

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — President Carter has ruled out military action against Iran as long as American hostages are held there.

"I am not going to take any military action at would cause bloodshed or arouse the unstable captors of our hostages to attack us or to punish them," Carter told a meeting of State Department employees Friday. Speaking after meeting relatives of the 53 Americans being held hostage in Tehran, Carter declared:

"I'm going to be very moderate, very cautious... our purpose is to get the hostages home and get them safe... that is my total commitment."

Loud applause followed the president's impromptu speech in the main State apartment lobby.

After Carter's speech, nearly 100 relatives of the hostages filed out. Many had to struggle to hold back tears.

Public support for the hostages in the United States is not slackening. A campaign send Christmas messages gained momentum Friday, while other Americans demonstrated, donned white armbands, signed petitions, and prayed.

In Washington, the families of the hostages demanded Americans to send postcards and petitions to the Iranian Embassy with one simple message:

"To the Iranian people: the American

people ask that the hostages be freed immediately."

In Tehran, two University of Kansas academics met for two hours Saturday with student occupiers of the embassy and said: "We will have more meetings."

Professor Norman Forer and Clarence Dillingham, a lecturer, said the meeting was exploratory.

Forer and Dillingham said they represented a private American committee on the Iranian crisis.

They were accompanied to the embassy by Abolhassan Fagheh, director of foreign press in the Ministry of National Guidance.

Asked whether they had seen the hostages, Forer said, "No it's a delicate matter, and we had an exploratory meeting which we thought was fruitful, which will lead to other meetings, which we hope will lead to future meetings still."

"We believe the ice has been broken, but we have a lot of work to do."

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said Friday a trial of the hostages on espionage charges contemplated by Iran would violate international law and treaties and the Security Council resolution adopted Tuesday.

A spokesman, Rudolf Stajduar, conveyed Waldheim's concern when asked for comment on Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotzbadeh's announcement that some of the 50 hostages would be tried at a date to be set within 48 hours and might face death sentences.

"The secretary-general is very much concerned with the news and announcement from Tehran that some hostages will be put on trial," Stajduar said.

"If this would materialize into action, it would be against international law, against the Vienna Conventions on the protection of diplomats and against the Security Council Resolution adopted Dec. 4, 1979."

Iran's former chief prosecutor, Sadeq Khalkali, meanwhile claimed Friday night that his gunmen were responsible for killing a nephew of the Shah in Paris.

Shahriar Mustapha Chafik, son of the Shah's twin sister Ashraf, was shot dead by a gunman outside his apartment.

The Fedayeen planned to kill Princess Ashraf instead, "but we are glad this man has been killed," Khalkali said in Qom.

In Paris, an anonymous caller told Agence France Presse that the killing was done by the "Muslim Liberation Front."

At a revolutionary court hearing this summer, Khalkali had placed the entire Royal family under a death sentence.

Khalkali, 52, has publicly pledged to assassinate the family, and in May he claimed Fedayeen gunmen shot down the Shah's helicopter and wounded him in Mexico. The claim was denied by the Shah and Mexican authorities.

The telephone caller who claimed the killing of Chafik was the work of the "Muslim Liberation Front" also hinted it would not be an isolated deed, saying the murder fell within "the context of our task of liberation."

Police in Paris said the group was not known but they were taking the claim seriously.

The Shah issued a statement through his adviser in New York to say he was "deeply grieved to learn of the murder of his nephew."

"He was a naval officer who served his country with distinction," the statement said.

Born in Rabat in 1945, Shahriar Chafik was Princess Ashraf's son by her second marriage, to an Egyptian whom she divorced in 1960 and who died in 1976.

New U.S. envoy

Linowitz hopeful on autonomy

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (AP) — Newly appointed U.S. Middle East envoy Sol Linowitz said Saturday that despite such crisis as Iran the United States was "more strongly resolved than ever" to seek an enduring peace in the area. Without referring directly to Iran where U.S. diplomats have been held hostage for more than a month, the 66-year-old lawyer said U.S. President Jimmy Carter was determined to continue the peace process "despite the gravity of the problems which now confront the United States."

In an airport arrival statement, Linowitz said he had talked with Carter before departing on his get-acquainted trip to Egypt and Israel.

Carter, he said, had asked him to reaffirm his "deep personal commitment and the commitment of the United States for a successful outcome" of the Palestinian autonomy negotiations.

"Our position (is) more strongly resolved than ever to help establish a firm basis for an enduring peace in the Middle East," he said, adding he was convinced the negotiations that began last May "offer the best opportunity for achieving the just peace that neither guns nor rhetoric can produce."

Linowitz was confirmed only last Tuesday to take over from Ambassador Robert Strauss as Carter's personal representative to the tripartite negotiations. Strauss became Carter's campaign manager.

He was scheduled to meet Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak and other Egyptian officials Saturday before seeing President Anwar Sadat Sunday.



ISLAMIC ENVOYS: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal Saturday called together ambassadors of Islamic states in Jeddah to thank them for their concern over the situation at the Holy Haram and for their support for the Kingdom's handling of the affair.

Summit followup

Beirut talks begin on South

BEIRUT, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — The five-member committee set up to implement last month's Tunis Arab summit resolutions on Southern Lebanon has held its first meeting under the chairmanship of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

The committee, made up of representatives from Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Arab League, met for two and a half hours Friday and agreed to contract parties involved in the Southern Lebanon problem, including the Palestine commando movement, before meeting again next week.

Lebanon has sought Arab support to reassert government authority over all parts of the south where for several years there have been intermittent clashes between rival Israeli-backed rightist militias and Palestinian Commandos and their allies.

United Nations intervention in the south following an Israeli invasion of the region in March 1978 led to the creation of a 6,000-man U.N. Interim peace-keeping force (UNIFIL).

The Tunis resolutions underlined the need for full implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions on the south, including coordination of the Palestinian armed presence in the UNIFIL zone with the Lebanese authorities.

On the eve of today's discussions, Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Hoss stressed the need for extending state authority to all parts of the south.

Lebanese army troops are reported to be ready to move to the south once the way has been paved through diplomatic contacts.

The government has been pressing for such deployment to avert a recurrence of clashes

and to ensure that some concrete measures are taken in the south prior to the U.N. Security Council's meeting later this month when extension of UNIFIL's mandate is due to be discussed.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Commando leaders Friday adopted a series of disciplinary decisions to prevent friction between their fighters and Lebanese citizens, the official Palestine News Agency reported.

The agency said the decisions were adopted during a meeting of leaders and representatives of the various factions.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, presided over the meeting which decided to close down all offices in Lebanon except those located in Palestinian refugee camps.

The leaders also adopted decisions preventing their commandos from taking part in any commercial business, interfering in Lebanese differences or carrying their weapons in Lebanese residential areas.

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Afghan envoy quits to join rebels

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — The Afghan ambassador to Saudi Arabia has resigned his post and joined the Islamic rebels fighting against the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul.

Embassy spokesmen here confirmed that Ambassador Muhammad Akbar Parwani quit his job last Thursday, but refused to elaborate on the situation in an interview with Arab News.

The French news agency Agence France

Presse Friday reported that the ambassador would join the opponents of the regime in Kabul.

It quoted him as saying he would join the Muslim "Jihad" against the Communist-dominated government in his native country as soon as possible.

Parwani was appointed ambassador here on Oct. 10, 1978.

He could not be reached for comment Saturday, and officials at the embassy said they had no idea where he is now.

OPEC official predicts rise in price at Caracas meeting

VIENNA, Dec. 8 (AP) — The secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has said the organization's Dec. 17 meeting is likely to result in a crude oil price rise because of the wide spread differences already existing between official and market prices.

Rene Ortiz said Friday in interview with Austrian Radio that the "tremendous difference" will play a role in the OPEC oil ministers' conference opening Dec. 17 in Caracas, Venezuela.

OPEC's base price is \$18 for a 42-gallon barrel. Its official top price on long-term contract sales is \$23.50, but several members are charging more than \$26. On the spot market, meanwhile, prices of \$40 are common.

In Kuwait, Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar was Saturday quoted as saying Kuwait will not increase its oil production of two million barrels a day to offset the loss of U.S. oil shipments from Iran.

The Kuwait daily *Al Qabas* reported Moinefar had made the statement after his arrival in Kuwait Friday.

Moinefar said he was visiting Kuwait upon an invitation from the Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, last week when they were attending in Dhahran a preparatory meeting for the ministerial conference of the oil ministers in Caracas.

During meeting with Hussein

Arafat hits Tripoli office occupation

AMMAN, Dec. 8 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted Friday as threatening to attack Libyan embassies abroad if any official at the besieged PLO office in Tripoli was harmed.

"If anyone at the PLO office is harmed, Libyan embassies throughout the world will become targets for occupation by Palestinians," Arafat was quoted as saying in an interview published by the semi-official Jordanian newspaper *Al Rai*.

The interview appeared at the end of Arafat's

two-day talks in Amman with King Hussein on means of resurrecting PLO-Jordanian cooperation. It was the second Arafat visit to Amman in six months, following a nine-year estrangement caused by a civil war in which Hussein's army forced commandos out of Jordan altogether in 1970.

Arafat's interview was the latest confirmation that the PLO office in the Libyan capital has been besieged by Libya's secret police. PLO officials in Beirut say officials there were being prevented from entering the building.

12 pilgrims killed

Soldiers' families will receive help

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — King Khaled has pledged that the government will support the families of Saudi Arabian troops killed during the fighting at the Holy Haram in Mecca.

A Royal Court statement issued here Saturday said the King has already ordered that legislation to ensure the well-being of the families be drafted, and that legislation will be promulgated soon.

The statement came in response to wishes voiced by citizens all over the Kingdom to donate money for the cure of the families of those killed in the fighting between Nov. 20 and Dec. 4.

But it added that such contributions are welcome, and that a committee is being established under Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb to oversee an investment project to provide a steady income to the families of the dead soldiers.

"Such a project will also serve to keep alive the memory of the heroes who sacrificed their lives in defense of Islam's holiest shrine — the most honorable death of all," the court statement said.

Later Saturday, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal told Islamic ambassadors in Jeddah that the renegades shot and killed 12 pilgrims who were praying in the Holy Haram at the time they launched the attack during morning prayers on Nov. 20.

Ten of them were killed in the scramble by the 50,000 to 70,000 pilgrims in the mosque to get out, and bodies of two women were found shot in the neck in the basement.

"We are still trying to learn why they were killed and what connection they might have had with the renegades," *Asharq Al-Awsat* quoted the prince as telling the diplomats.

Prince Saud had requested the meeting with the Islamic ambassadors in order to thank them for their governments' support during the mosque crisis.

He told them the attack on the mosque was aimed not so much at Saudi Arabia as at the whole Islamic world, and asked them to con-

vey to their governments the thanks of King Khaled and the Saudi people for their support during the affair.

He said that the nationalities of the pilgrims killed during the siege had not yet been established, and added that since the attack was crushed Tuesday the mosque had been completely repaired.

Damage to the basement of the mosque did not affect any of the buildings in the Haram itself, he said.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Prince Naif said earlier Saturday that children who were involved in the attack by the renegades on the Grand Mosque will not be harmed.

"The children were either forced to join in or misguided and deceived by their guardians and therefore could not be responsible for their actions," he said.

However, women and old men who fought alongside the renegades will be tried and judged for their actions, he said.

He said investigations into the attack are continuing, and that he could not confirm rumors that the members of the group which attacked the Grand Mosque were members of a larger group which is spread throughout the Gulf.

Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan added that the investigation aims at shedding light on the objectives and intentions of the renegades.

And King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd Saturday cabled their thanks to Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah for his efforts at getting rid of the attackers.

And Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz was quoted by *Asharq Al-Awsat* Saturday as saying that the children who participated in the attack on the Holy Haram will be well treated.

He said that those minors who were the victims of their parents' orders will be well-cared for by the state to become good citizens when they grow up.

He added that the women who accompanied their husbands in the attack will undergo an investigation to see if they actually took up the arms and participated in the crime.

He confirmed that a number of renegades were arrested outside the Haram and accomplices were caught in various parts of Saudi Arabia with evidence and compromising documents.

He said that the outcome of the investigation will be made known to all Saudis and Muslims everywhere.

He added that security arrangements such as the ones covering airports, including electronic equipment, will henceforth be instituted in the Holy Haram which, "however, is always well guarded by the Creator."

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Progress cited in London bank

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abo Al-Khalil has described the position of the London-based Saudi International Bank as "good."

Saturday he presided over a meeting of the board of directors of the bank at the headquarters of Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. Afterward he said, the bank's working plan and its development during 1980 were discussed.

Over the past four years, the bank had made good progress and has occupied a respectable position among the similar banks. He admitted, though, that the bank was failing to attract Saudi staff, saying it was because of the pace of development in the Kingdom and the colossal need for Saudi skills at home. In addition, the advantages that they can get in Europe and America do not help the bank attract Saudis to the bank's headquarters in London.



Sheikh Muhammad Abo Al-Khalil

During year to June

Pakistani exports here double

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Pakistan's exports to Saudi Arabia more than doubled during the year ending in June. The Kingdom became as the sixth largest buyer of Pakistani goods.

The Pakistani Embassy said Saturday that according to latest figures, the Kingdom's total imports of Pakistani goods stood at SR321 million during the year, as against SR145 million in the preceding year.

The Kingdom's share of Pakis-

tan's exports also went up from 3.28 per cent in 1977 and 1978 to 5.58 per cent.

Pakistan's total exports last year amounted to nearly SR5746 million. Its top customer was Japan, which took goods worth nearly SR538 million, followed by Hong Kong, Britain, the United States and West Germany.

Among Middle East States which took Pakistani goods worth nearly SR1230 million, the principal buyers apart from the King-

dom were the United Arab Emirates, Iran, Oman, Bahrain, Sudan and North Yemen. The region's total share in Pakistani exports was 21.38 per cent.

The Kingdom's imports of Pakistani goods during the year included items ranging from food-grains to spices, footwear to readymade garments, and sports goods to machinery. The bulk of purchases, however, was rice, textile goods, cotton fabrics, clothing, fresh fruits, woven textiles, tapes, tents, canvas goods, carpets, rugs, toys and sports goods.

Among its major imports, rice accounted for almost SR175 million. The Kingdom is traditionally a major customer of Pakistani Basmati rice. That is up from an average import bill for rice of about SR100 million annually.

Pakistani fresh fruit imports registered an almost four-fold increase during the year. The Kingdom took Pakistani fruits worth SR11.3 million, as against SR3.4 million in the preceding year.

The major customers of Pakistani fruits in the area have been Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain. But during the last three years Saudi Arabia whose imports amounted to only SR0.06 million in 1974 and 1975 has become one of the biggest.

Mangoes and Kinoo (a cross of the citrus family), formed the bulk of the Saudi imports of Pakistani fruits, with guava, chickoo, berries and sugar-cane were also imported.

Saudi businessmen have also apparently shown interest in importing apples, grapes and bananas from Pakistan.

15,000 international calls made every day

Three times last year's average

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Three times as many international telephone calls are made every day as were last year.

Saudi Telephone said Saturday that nearly 15,000 international calls are made every day, as opposed to last year's average of 5,000. Of the total, about 12,000 go through the operator and the rest are dialed directly.

International subscriber dialing (ISD) initially connected subscribers with a possible 20 different countries when it was introduced early in 1978. At present, ISD customers can place calls directly to 56 countries and by March of 1980 the total should increase to 100.

ISD is now available to subscribers with international calling bills of SR 500 or over, and to people with business telephones. Subscribers with these qualifications can obtain ISD by visiting their nearest Saudi Telephone business office. Soon it will be automatically available to the general public.

An international call placed using direct dialing follows this sequence of codes: "00" followed by country code followed by city code followed by the local number.

International telephone circuits between Saudi Arabia and other countries have been added to the network to help meet the demand for international service. Saudi Telephone now has 650 circuits to 75 countries; in January 1978 only 200 circuits connected the Kingdom to only 15 countries. Over 1,000 international circuits will be available for public use when the new satellite is placed into service over the Atlantic Ocean early in 1980.

Results for the third quarter of 1979 show that approximately 22 per cent of all international calls were made to the United Kingdom, more than to any other country.

The second most-frequently called country was the United States, with about 17 per cent of the total.

Egypt (10.7 per cent), France (6.1 per cent), and Germany (5.2 per cent), follow the U.S. and the U.K. as most-frequently called nations.

It was meanwhile reported that Najran was linked to the direct dialing circuit with other parts of the kingdom this week. Government offices and owners of telephones have been given priority for the 40 lines provided by the end of last week, according to Al-Jazira.

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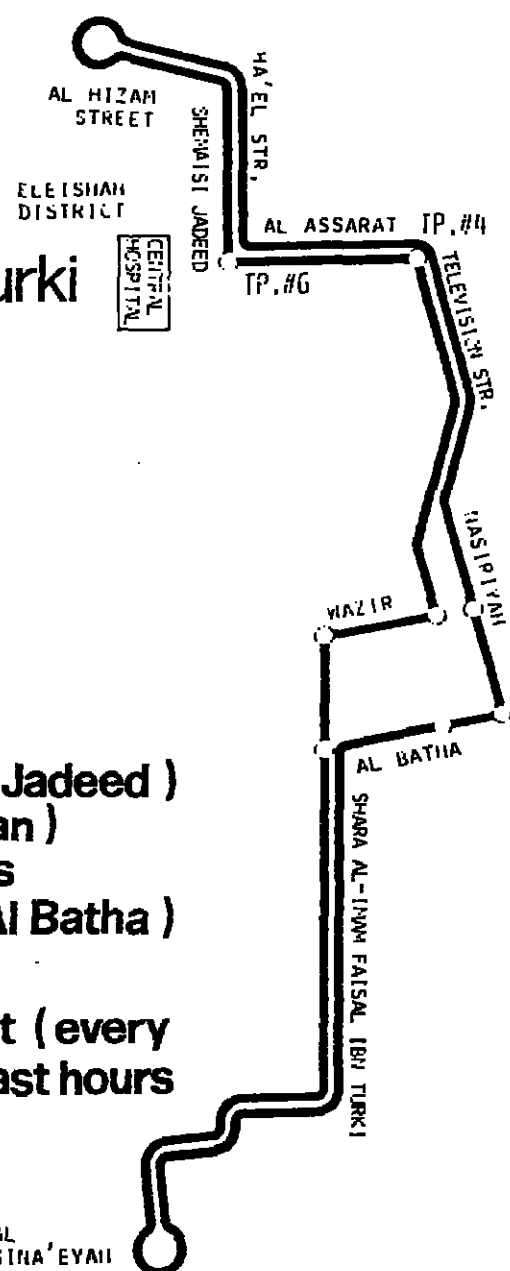
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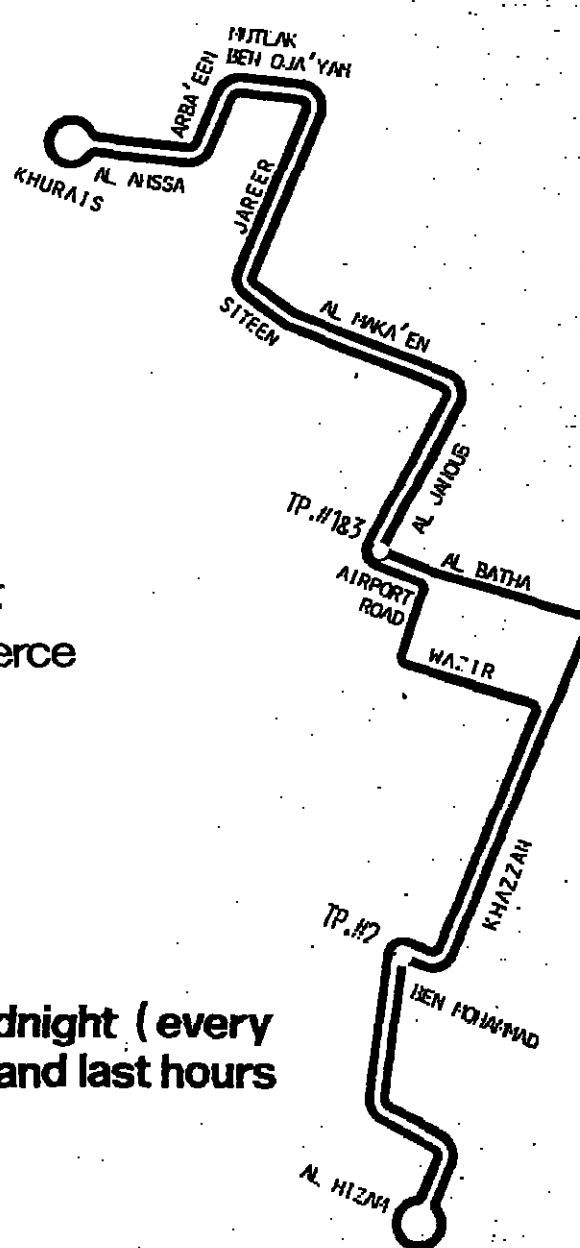
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Minister urges care for young in present times

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh has warned of the dangers of the present times to the young people of the Arab world.

Sheikh Hassan, who is also rector of the Kingdom's universities, spoke on the role of universities in directing the young toward right conduct while opening the 13th session of the board of the Arab Universities Federation in the King Faisal Conference Hall in Riyadh Saturday.

The present situation, he said, leaves us no choice but to do all we can to show our young people the right way, and to develop their confidence in their religion, morals and dignity. Universities also shoulder a great burden of responsibility in providing our countries with the qualified manpower so necessary at this stage in Arab development.

Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, the newly-appointed rector of Riyadh University, agreed. The Arab world, he said, looks at universities as the engine that draws development, the way to progress and prosperity.

The challenge facing Arab universities, though, was in making the Arab people see them not only as suppliers of qualified people but also as an effective weapon against challenges to the Arab nation.

The meeting is scheduled to discuss improving university and all

higher education in Arab countries. A possible research center for improvements is on the agenda, and the board will also discuss choosing the site of a permanent headquarters for the federation. A budget will be decided and a new secretary-general elected.

The assistant secretary-general of the federation, Jassem Al-Khalaf, said the session will also discuss seminars that will be held to mark the beginning of the new Hijra year.

Projects for improving higher education in the Arab world will be a focus, including the planned research and further study university to be built in cooperation with ALESCO, the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization.

How to alleviate the plight of education in the occupied lands will also be a subject of major interest. They will discuss informing international organizations of the actions taken to restrict freedom of education there, as well as looking at what direct help can be given. Coordinating higher study institutions will be examined, and a proposal to set up an open university for Palestinians will be studied. Giving financial and moral assistance to educational institutions in Palestine will be discussed.

Khalaf thanked the Saudi Arabian government and King Khaled on behalf of the federation and



Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh

members of the board for their support and assistance to the federation, education and the sciences.

The session, which lasts for two days, is attended by 40 rectors, directors and representatives of Arab universities. Delegations arriving here for the meetings were received by Turki, Dr. Saleh Al-Adel, his deputy rector for further studies, Dr. Ali Al-Freih, the chairman of the executive committee of the conference, and other officials of Riyadh University.

The board of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud University meanwhile met here under Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, the rector, and agreed to appoint board members to faculties of the university. They were Dr. Muhammad Al-Amin Al-Baseer and Dr. Mohebeddine Abu Saleh, elected to the board of the faculty of social sciences, and Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Al-Azami, elected to the Scientific Board.

At Riyadh University, the Women's Arts Faculty has decided that girls studying at home from the university should visit once every two or three weeks to attend lectures and see tutors for instructions and advice.

If they cannot come in person, the girls should send a representative to collect books and other

material. The faculty emphasized that it will issue books to students no more than once.

In Dammam meanwhile, it was reported Saturday that courses for training teachers in modern sciences and mathematics across the Eastern Province started Tuesday. With 175 teachers enrolled, they will continue for several months. These courses cover Khafji, Wadi Al-Miya and Ulya and involve training teachers of first and fourth primary grade schoolchildren and first intermediate grade schoolchildren. Previous courses in Dammam, Alkhobar and Qatif had 458 teachers.

The Ministry is to phase in modern mathematics and sciences over the next three years. During that period all teachers of those subjects will be retrained. This year children in the first and fourth grade primary and the first grade intermediate grade have switched. Next year the second and fifth primary grades will change, and in the year after the third and sixth primary grades and the third intermediate grade will make the move.

In Abha meanwhile, the seventh round of meetings of the executive board of the Arab Gulf States Education Bureau opened. Ali Al-Rumaihi, the representative of the board in Bahrain, is chairing the meetings.

Saudi Comment

By Muhammad Mahmoud Sibie
Al-Medina

Perhaps the best and most eloquent statement made about the events at the Holy Mosque was that of Crown Prince Fahd. When we went to congratulate him on the successful outcome of the struggle for the mosque he said that God had wanted these evil men to assemble in His Holy Place and to defeat them, in order their deviation and plans to mislead His people might be revealed.

What kind of Mahdi is this who stormed the holy place and terrorized people and worshippers during a holy month, and what kind of call did they have when the first thing they did was to kill innocent worshippers? They claimed to want to reform but instead fired indiscriminate volleys of bullets against defenseless and innocent people.

What kind of Sharia did they want when they tore up the Holy Book and used their deadly weapons to kill and terrorize innocent

people? They claimed that their Mahdi had come to rule for eight years, but he lasted only 15 days and his body was found rotting in the maze of rooms and tunnels in the basement of the mosque.

It is true, so far, that evidence has not shown any foreign government to be involved in the outrage. But there is no doubt that this gang was faithfully carrying out the dictates of some enemies of Islam and Muslims, either be Communists, Zionists or imperialists. In this age of ideological sovereignty there must be quite a few "institutions" which seek to hurt Islam and Muslims and destroy their ideals and principles.

By reviewing what has been written in the international press one can realize that the gang that attacked the mosque was in clear collusion with the enemies of Islam. They hoped that could provoke the Saudi government to shell the Haram and destroy it as the only symbol of Islamic unity and source of strength. Or so they believed.

In Eastern Province Farmers loaned SR3m

HASA, Dec. 8 (SPA) — The Saudi Agricultural Bank here last month gave 56 loans worth a total SR3 million to farmers in Hofuf, Qatif and Hafr Al-Baten.

The branch manager, Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Owaifir, has said that 46 loans were given to farmers, six to bedouin and four to poultry farmers.

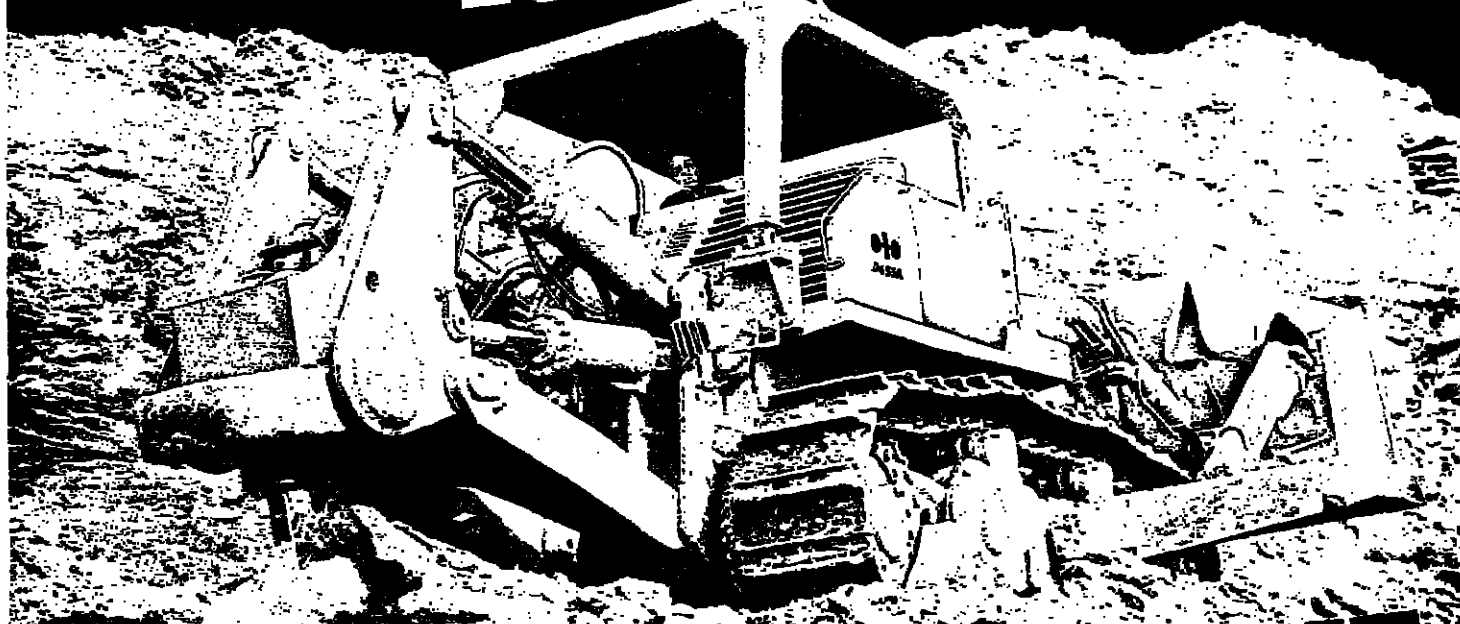
A subsidy of SR1,150,500 has been granted to poultry farmers and another of SR164,116 to farmers, he added.

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Agriculture and Water in the Eastern Province granted SR5 million as a subsidy for date farmers in the area.

Regional Director General of Agriculture and Water Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Yamani, said that his directorate has also supplied 300 bags of wheat seeds to farmers in Hasa and Qatif.

The Directorate General has, meanwhile, shifted to its new SR10 million building, he said.

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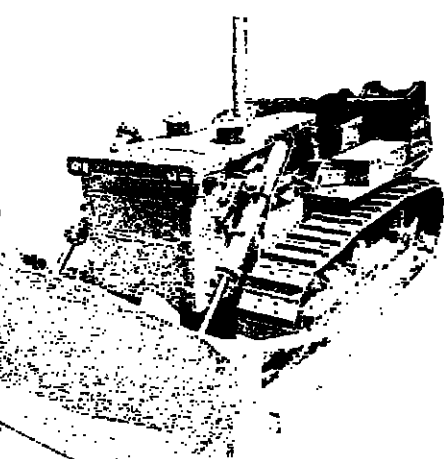
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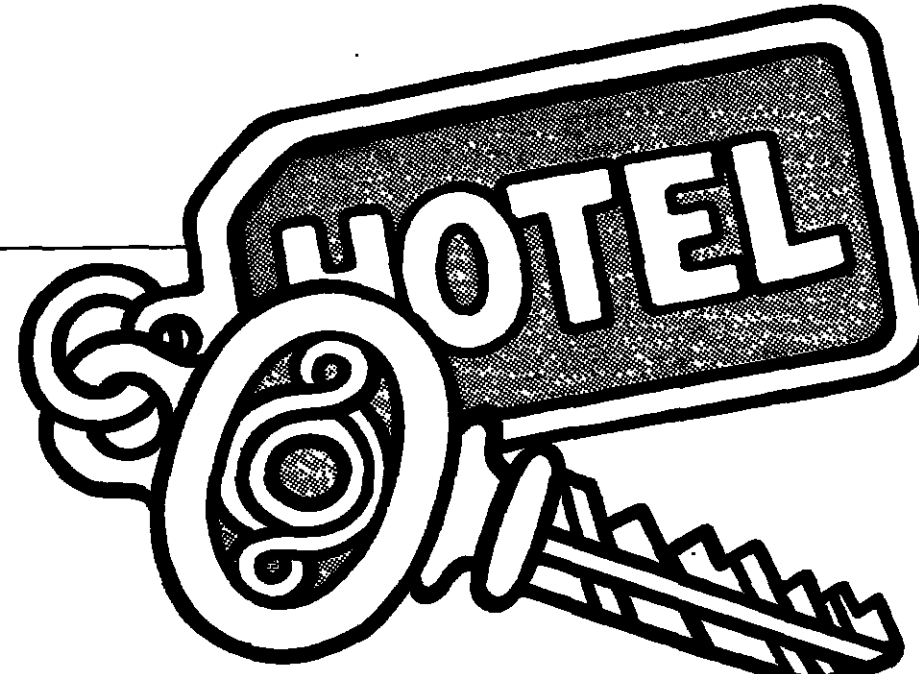
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Zia stresses Pakistan's right to obtain nuclear technology

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 8 (AP) — President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq said Saturday "no power can keep Pakistan deprived of its right to acquire nuclear technology for peaceful purposes."

Afghan police outpost said overrun by rebels

NEW DELHI, Dec. 8 (AP) — Muslim rebels recently overran the police headquarters in Kandahar, a provincial capital in southeastern Afghanistan, and Asian diplomatic source reported Saturday.

It was the first reported attack in Kandahar city since spring by rebels battling 19 months to overthrow the Soviet-backed regime.

President Hafizullah Amin. The guerrillas fled afterward. The diplomat, who asked not to be identified, said the number of casualties were not known.

A radio Tehran report on Wednesday said 10 members of the ruling Marxist Khalq Party were killed in the attack and the police headquarters burned down by rebels.

tries, rich in nuclear energy, "are not happy with Pakistan's modest nuclear program because they do not want to give a share to anybody in their monopoly."

Pakistan has repeatedly denied allegations that it is planning to manufacture an atom bomb.

Zia said developed countries argue that "world peace can be endangered by the acquisition of nuclear energy by immature and irresponsible nations." But he said no nation can deprive Pakistan of nuclear energy, which he said the country wants for peaceful purposes.

He said that "if the fears of the developed countries reflect their own interests, our determination indicates our own national aspirations."

Zia said the debate involved not only Pakistan's independence, but also the principle that knowledge, science, technology, discoveries and inventions are not the monopoly of any one country.



IN QOM: Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini arrives at a mosque in Qom last Sunday to vote in the referendum on a new Islamic constitution. (AP photo)

Colonel, two others executed in Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — A colonel accused of ordering his troops to fire on demonstrators during the reign of the deposed Shah, killing several, was executed Saturday after a trial before a revolutionary court in Shiraz, the official news agency Pars reported.

The colonel, Ezzatollah Sahandjani, was found guilty of killing people in a village in the southern Shiraz province.

The same court also sentenced to death two villagers who were found guilty of murdering another villager recently and the two were executed at the same time as the colonel, the agency said.

Elsewhere, a strong earthquake struck a thinly-populated area of northern Iran Friday but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

Carter proposes F-5E deal

U.S. boosting Morocco support

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (R) President Jimmy Carter has proposed that the United States sell Morocco eight F-5E fighter planes, stepping up U.S. support of King Hassan's fight against the Algerian-backed Polisario Front, government sources said Friday.

The \$64 million sale was proposed in a recent notification to Congress, which has veto power over arms sales, the sources said.

The fighters would be in addition to six OV-10 surveillance planes and 12 helicopter gunships, which in a major policy shift the

White House announced a month ago it intended to send to Morocco.

The F-5Es were originally built for Egypt, but the sale fell through when Saudi Arabia withdrew financing for the deal after the Egyptian peace treaty with Israel earlier this year.

The White House had been undecided for over a year whether to take sides in the conflict over the Western Sahara, ceded by Spain to Morocco. The Polisario is fighting for independence for the territory.

The United States does not recognize Morocco's claim to the former Spanish Sahara.

The White House withdrew a proposal to send the OV-10s and helicopters in early 1978 after encountering serious opposition in Congress.

However, U.S. officials recently disclosed that Algeria and Libya had been supplying Soviet military equipment to the Polisario guerrillas, who had begun attacking internationally-recognized Moroccan territory.

Demirel promises priority to economic crisis, violence

ANKARA, Dec. 8 (AP) — Turkish Premier Suleyman Demirel indicated Saturday that his new government would relegate to second place the Cyprus question and concentrate instead on solving major domestic problems such as terrorism and the economic crisis.

"If we can solve these problems and thus Turkey becomes stronger, only then the Greek side might choose the path of reconciliation," he told reporters at a news conference.

Demirel said it was impossible to solve the Cyprus affair with one-sided efforts and that he saw no signs of a reconciliatory attitude among the Greek Cypriots.

Demirel said the Greek-



Suleyman Demirel Cypriots still hoped to return to the pre-1974 status quo in Cyprus, when Turks lived in enclaves scattered through the island.

McGovern visiting Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8 (AP) — U.S. Sen. George McGovern arrived here Friday for a weekend visit and said the Iranian crisis underscored Israel's importance and dependability as an American ally.

Arriving at Ben-Gurion airport, the South Dakota Democrat said, "Israel is indeed a dependable and stable ally ... and this whole experience in Iran underscores the importance of Israel and the record that it has."

McGovern scheduled a series of meetings with Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Menachem Begin, before departing on Sunday.

Commenting on the Tehran hostage situation, McGovern said, "If it's not possible even for a great power like the United States to conduct its diplomacy without having its citizens seized and terrorized and held at gunpoint for ransom, then it won't be possible for any country to conduct its affairs peacefully."

Tunis minister holds talks in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Dec. 8 (R) — Tunisia's Foreign Minister Muhammad Fattouri Saturday discussed bilateral relations with Syria's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam.

Fattouri, who arrived in Damascus earlier in the day, said after the meeting that he and Khaddam also discussed questions of common interest.

He described his visit as part of the consultations with Syrian officials on strengthening relations between the two countries.

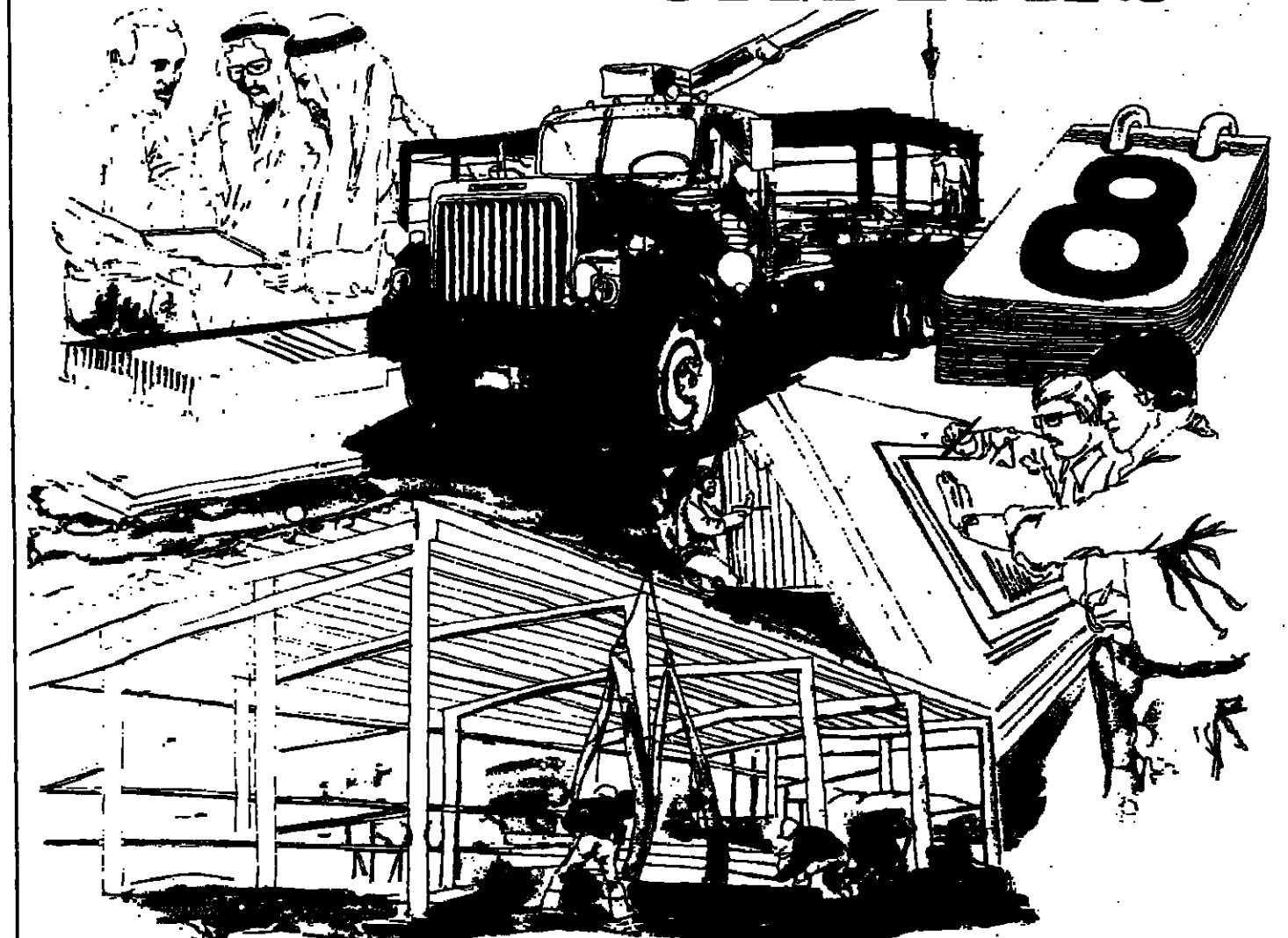
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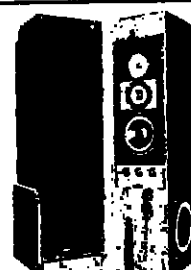
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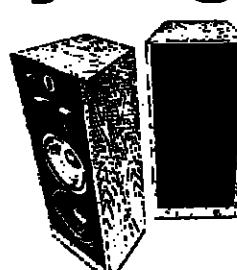
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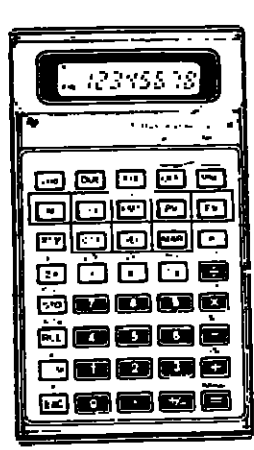


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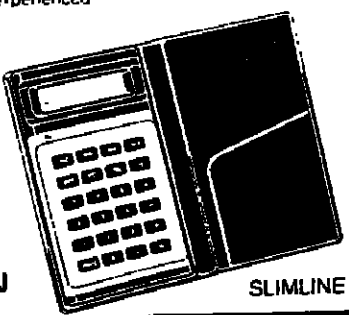
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Gymnastics stars out of contention at Texas meeting

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 8 (R) — Thirty-six of the best male gymnasts compete for the World Championship here without champion Nikolai Andrianov of the Soviet Union, while Romanian favorite Nadia Comaneci is also out of the running for the women's all-round gold medal.

Andrianov, all-round gold medalist at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and in last year's World Championships, was not among the three top scorers in the team event for the Soviet Union, the maximum allowed from any team in the individual final.

But teammates Alexandre Ditiatin, who is leading scorer for the men, Alexandre Tkachev, who is third, and Vladimir Markelov are strong possibilities to replace Andrianov as the world champion.

So is Kurt Thomas of the United States, second only a fraction of a point behind Ditiatin.

Each participant performs in all six men's events, the vault, pommel horse, horizontal bar, parallel bars, rings and floor exercises. Comaneci's near-perfect 9.95 on the beam Thursday night qualified her for the final in that event and she is expected to take the gold medal in it. She is the defending champion on the team and also took the gold in that event at the 1976 Olympics where she emerged as a 14-year-old superstar.

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FLOOR EXERCISE: Stojan Deltchev of Bulgaria does a flip in the floor exercises during the Fort Worth championships. He was awarded a 9.80 score.

One-day match

England wins Australia game

MELBOURNE, Dec. 8 (R) — England beat Australia by three wickets with only one over to spare here Wednesday to win their one day 50 overs a side game.

After their thrilling two run win over the West Indies in a similar game last week the touring side turned on another nerve-racking

finish.

The match ended when England wicket keeper David Bairstow cut paceman Dennis Lillee to the boundary to make England 209 for seven in reply to Australia's 50 over total of 207 for nine.

England seemed to have the

game in their keeping until a batting collapse when they lost four wickets for only ten runs to slump from 134 for one in the 34th over to 148 for five in the 39th over. Captain Mike Brearley won the toss and put Australia in to bat on a wicket that gave the bowlers of both sides little help.

In NBA

Spurs batter Bucks

NEW YORK Dec. 8 (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs outscored the Milwaukee Bucks 40-22 in the fourth quarter on the way to victory Friday night, hitting 14 of 21 shots to wipe out an 83-77 deficit. George Gervin, the National Basketball Association scoring champion the last two years, got a game-high 39 points in the final quarter.

In other basketball, the Boston Celtics beat the Phoenix Suns 100-92, the San Diego Clippers defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 116-108, the Chicago Bulls edged the Portland Trail Blazers 95-93 and the Houston Rockets downed the Detroit Pistons 124-109.

Boston moved one-half game ahead of Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division as veteran Dave Cowens and Rookie Larry Bird took a fourth-quarter surge. Boston, leading after three quarters, rolled to its 12th victory in 13 home games as Bird hit the field goals and Cowens threw in the final period.

Lloyd Free scored 42 points and Swen Nater added season-high totals of 28 points and 27 rebounds as the Clippers overcame a 77-59 deficit in the third period and beat Los Angeles. Free scored 26 of his points in the second half, including 12 in a row in one stretch of the final period, as San Diego snapped a three-game Laker winning streak.

Rookie Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 31 points and Karim Abdul Jabbar added 29 points for Los Angeles.

Ricky Sobers drove the length of the floor for a layup with 1:13 left to give the Bulls the victory and send Portland to its seventh straight loss. Sobers scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half and Reggie Theus, the Bulls' other guard, got 19 of his 23 points in the second half.

Ron Brewer, who led Portland with 21 points, missed a three-point try with 15 seconds to go for Portland.



Dave Cowens

Between two teams

Florida golf lead shared

LARGO, Florida, Dec. 8 (AP) — Dave Eichelberger and Murl Breer battled fog and drizzle to pick up 10 strokes Friday and catch the leaders in the second round of the Mixed Teams Golf Tournament.

Eichelberger and Breer, who did not even break par the first day, had a nine-under-par 135 after two rounds.

"It was a fairly good round of golf, I would think," beamed Eichelberger after the duo shot an eagle, eight birdies and a bogey to tie early leaders Jim Colbert and Silvia Bertolacci.

Colbert-Bertolacci fired a four-under-par 68 over the gusty, wind-whipped Bandon Course for a slim one-stroke lead Thursday. Meanwhile, Eichelberger and Breer, playing their first tournament together, wound up one-over after that round.

Gil Morgan and Marlene Hagge

played a tight game to stay close behind, one stroke off the lead as head into the third round with a 69-67-136, eight-under. The finished one-stroke back after the opening round, too, but manage to break out of a three-way tie leaving the other twosome behind.

Fifty teams are competing in the 72-hole, four-day event, which ends Sunday at the 7,015-ya Central Florida Course.

Dave Stockton and Doni Caponi Young finished the day with a seven-under-par 137, third place on the par-72 course.

Pre-tournament favorites Curtis Strange and Nancy Lop finished under the par at one under 143, and defending champions Lon Hinkle and Pat Bradley were even farther down the ladder in a five-way tie at one-over-par 145.

In Montreal tennis

Near-perfect Borg flattens Chilean

MONTREAL, Dec. 8 (AP) — Bjorn Borg of Sweden played almost flawless tennis to defeat Hans Gildemeister of Chile 6-2, 6-2 in World Championship Tennis Challenge Cup action Friday night.

Borg did not lose a set in posting a 3-0 won-lost record in his section in the eight-man split round-robin tournament.

He will play Tim Gullikson of the United States Saturday in one

semi-final, while American Jimmy Connors will meet Gildemeister in the other.

The Chilean and Borg had both beaten American Pat Dupre and South African Johan Kriek in earlier round-robin play. The only thing to be decided in their match Friday was first place in their section.

In Sydney, South African Roslyn Fairbanks took a place in the final of the Australian Women's

Tennis Classic Saturday with a victory over American Diane Desfor.

It will be the first appearance in the final of a major tennis tournament for the 19-year-old from Durban, when she meets fifth seed Sue Barker of England.

On her victory she commented that "the wind was pretty gusty and for the first time in the tournament I felt uncomfortable. But I'm suited to blustery conditions because at home it's very windy."

Her 35 wins from 37 matches here belies her world ranking of 115.

She said that while confident of the outcome of Saturday's semi-final, she had felt a little tense before the match. "We were unseeded and it was our first chance to make the final of a big tournament."

The 23-year-old Barker downed tournament second seed Czech Regina Marsikova to grab her final spot.

In Mexico City, Mexico took a 2-0 lead over Venezuela in the semi-final round of the American Zone elimination series of the 1980 Davis Cup Friday.

Marcelo Lara won Mexico's first point by defeating veteran Humphrey Hose, a resident of Corpus Christ 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6 and Raul Ramirez downed Jorge Anjrewe.

In Singapore squash

Barrington beats Khan

SINGAPORE, Dec. 8 (R) — Jonah Barrington's well known determination gave him a splendid 4-9, 6-9, 9-2, 9-7, 9-2 victory over Mohibullah Khan of Pakistan in the quarter finals of the World Marathon man

named for Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (R) — Toshihiko Weko, who won last Sunday's Fukuoka Marathon, was named Saturday to Japan's Marathon team for the Moscow Olympics. The other runners will be Shigeru and Takeshi Soh, twins who took second and third place. Seko, 23, won at Fukuoka for the second consecutive year.

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The British number one was not expected to give third seeded Mohibullah much of a test but he made a typical fighting recovery after losing the first two games for a place in the last four.

World champion Geoff Hunt of Australia and world number two Qamar Zaman of Pakistan had relatively simple wins. Hunt beat New Zealander Bruce Brownlee 10-9, 9-5, 9-2 and Zaman outclassed his compatriot Maqsood Ahmed in 9-3, 9-5, 9-7.

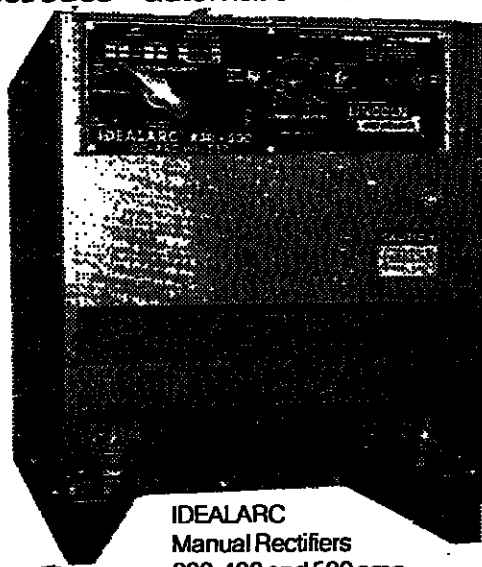
Barrington faces Zaman and Hunt meets Gogi Alauddin, a 9-3, 6-9, 9-6, 9-6 winner against fellow Pakistani Hiddy Jahan, in the semi-finals.

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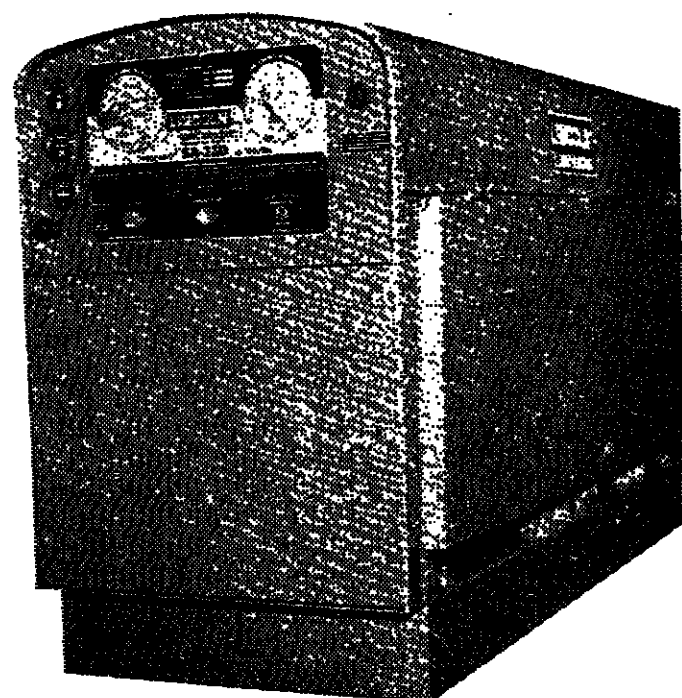
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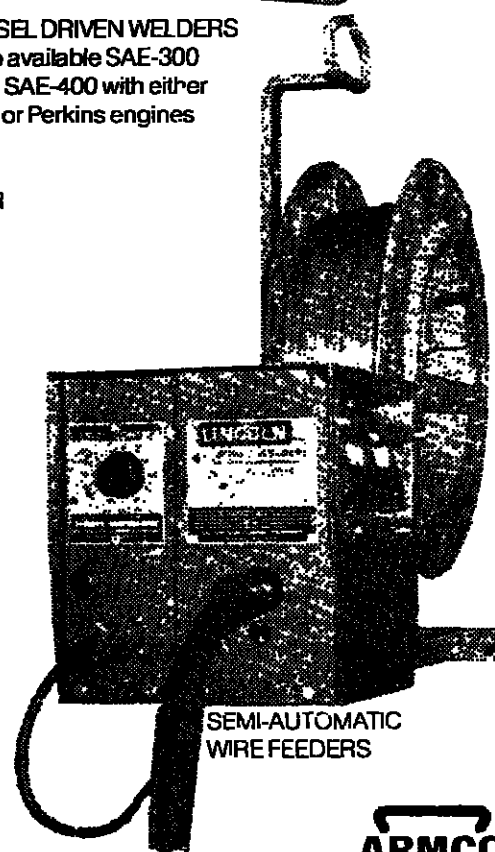
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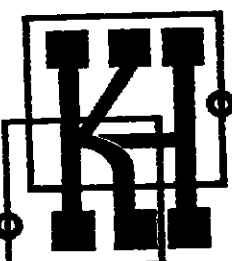
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DIFFERING WAVELENGTHS

When the occupation of the American embassy in Tehran had just begun it was generally thought in Washington that the new regime in Iran wished to create a national problem to divert local public attention from the country's economic problems, especially soaring prices and unemployment.

Such an explanation sounds the type of logic a computer works on, but with all due respect, it could prove erroneous at the end. Indeed, there might be a certain logic behind the incidents in Iran; but not necessarily the Western one. That could be precisely the reason why the crisis is still on, because the Iranian and the American sides use entirely different logic; in other words, they are not on the same wavelength.

Our correspondents who have returned from Iran, and those who have stayed behind, have never denied the importance of the underlying economic crisis. However, they felt that the prime concern of the Iranian regime was none else but the Kurdish separatist movement in the northwestern part of the country, which has so far scored negligible successes against government troops.

The entourage of Ayatollah Khomeini insists that the eruption of the Kurdish crisis is because the government of Mehdi Bazargan did not deal with it radically, but procrastinated until the Kurds turned their attention toward the regime itself and took it upon themselves to weaken it.

Such reasoning shows clearly that the regime is trying to find a scapegoat rather than to heal the problem. The Kurdish problem existed long before Bazargan and it is still there after Bazargan. Moreover, the Bazargan government was in charge for too short a period to be able to solve, or further to complicate, the problem. Khomeini's aides still looking for a solution to the Kurdish problem will clearly prefer a military solution. But they are now facing a more difficult problem, the stand of Ayatollah Shariatmadari and the 10 million Turkomen he represents.

Riots between the Shariatmadari's supporters and those of Khomeini prompted Khomeini to call on his rival, his first ever conciliatory step. While it might not be so important on the practical level, it nevertheless reflects the anxiety of the regime about the growing wave of unrest among minorities.

Despite claims to the contrary, Shariatmadari is somehow connected to house arrest in Qom. He has not left the holy city since the test riots he was involved in. His house is always full of visitors, all of whom oppose Khomeini.

The question now is: will the problem of Iranian minorities, including Arab minorities, occupy Khomeini's mind to such an extent as to delay the settlement of the hostage problem, or will it rather let him listen to solve the latter to devote all his time to his enemies at home?

ANOTHER STALL

President Sadat of Egypt and Premier Begin of Israel had no voice but to postpone their meeting until next month. The situation in the region is not going exactly as the Camp David signers and the United States might have wished. The U.S. is facing a serious crisis which is gravely affecting its prestige and reputation. Besides, it is unable to do anything substantial to move the self-government negotiations one inch forward.

The postponement is actually a way of gaining time rather than a sign of optimism over the outcome since it has been clear from the beginning that the talks do not have any chance to succeed. In this case the only major topic on the agenda of the proposed meeting is the actual normalization of relations between the two countries now that Israel has already announced the appointment of an ambassador to Egypt.

Until that happens there remains a slim chance of Egypt refusing to proceed with normalization, which will effectively seal its isolation from the rest of the Arab and Islamic worlds. It must be remembered that Sudan, one of Egypt's strongest supporters, will cut off diplomatic relations with it as soon as the Israeli ambassador takes up residence in Cairo.

If Egypt goes ahead anyway then the other Arab states will have to follow it into action the plan they had drawn up in Baghdad and Tunis by king two important matters into consideration:

- They should overlook their secondary differences and strengthen their solidarity in every way possible;
- They should fortify the ability of those states opposed to Camp David to stand up to those fishing in troubled waters.

It might be worthwhile, as normalization comes closer, to watch it for attempts to subvert the Arab ranks since Israel might well sort to the last arrows in its quiver to achieve its ends.



Searching for a real way to reach the Americans

By Michael Adams

LONDON — When I lived briefly in the Arab world, some twenty years ago, there was a more or less general blackout on the subject of Israel. As far as possible the press in most Arab countries avoided mentioning the name; books about it were banned; an atlas which included it in a map of the Middle East had the page torn out; an attempt was made to maintain the fiction that the country simply did not exist.

All this complicated the life of a foreign correspondent — and it was extremely damaging to the interests of the Arabs themselves. It prevented them from facing the facts of life and (the most damaging thing of all) it kept them in ignorance of their enemy, whose weak points they should have been studying and could have been trying to exploit.

Now, of course, things are much better. Thanks largely to organizations like the Institute for Palestine Studies and the PLO Research Center in Beirut, the Arab world has become aware of the strengths and the weaknesses of Israel. Through them, the outside world has been encouraged to take a more critical look at the structure of Israeli society and at the policies of successive Israeli governments. The press in most Arab countries too has gradually overcome its reluctance to pay attention to Israel as a reality, perhaps transient but for the moment inescapably there, rather than as a phantom whose existence could be simply ignored.

It still seems to me, though, that the Arabs make far less use than they might of the information that is available about Israel, especially from the Israeli press. Whatever else one can say about Israel, no one can deny that it has a free press; and because the Israeli newspapers (with the exception of the English language Jerusalem Post) are written in Hebrew, which so few people outside Israel can understand, all sorts of issues are debated in the Israeli press with a truly remarkable freedom. No criticisms of the Israeli government or its policies which appear in the foreign press are as well informed or as brutally expressed as those of the Israelis themselves. With the important exception of matters of national security, on which there is official censorship, every aspect of social or political life in Israel is subjected to the critical attention of the press — and there is no better source of information for anyone who wants to understand what is happening in the Jewish state.

This thought was in my mind recently when I was present as an observer at the Arab Summit meeting in Tunis. Among the somewhat insubstantial results of that conference was the decision to send high-level information teams to different parts of the world to explain the Arab viewpoint and to try to obtain wider international support for it. In particular, the Secretary General of the Arab League said in his final declaration, the conference wanted to concentrate on making American opinion more aware of the Palestinian problem and of the harm

done to Arab interests by America's support for Zionist aggression.

Nothing could be more useful — but I wonder how these high-level teams will set about their task. Not, I hope, simply by lecturing their American audiences in general terms about the wickedness of Western imperialism or about Israel as a last remnant of colonialism. (I am not disputing either of these arguments, only saying that they will produce no result.) What is needed is clear and detailed information about specific issues on which Israel is open to criticism and where it can be shown that America's support for Israel is harmful to the interests of the United States itself, or to world peace, or both. That should not be difficult — but the important thing is to produce solid evidence; and the best evidence is to be found in the Israeli press, where the opponents of the present government (and there are plenty of them at this moment) attack its policies forcefully and in considerable detail.

Take the question of the settlements in the occupied territories and of the Gush Emunim, the extremists. I have in front of me an item from the leading Israeli daily newspaper *Ha'aretz*, of 17 October. It is a translation of an advertisement placed by the organization called Peace Now (which campaigns for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories) complaining of the cost of the Israeli government's settlement policy and urging that the money wasted on building settlements could be devoted to building homes for "tens of thousands of young couples and homeless people". It claims that the government has spent more than 5,000 million Israeli pounds on building settlements — that is about \$ 200 million and is planning

to spend millions more in deference to the agitation of Gush Emunim. What the advertisement does not say is that every penny of that money, as well as much more besides, has come from the United States at the expense of the American taxpayer. If that could be brought home to American opinion, and if it could be explained to the man in the street in Oklahoma and Texas that he is paying for the settlements which President Carter says are blocking the way to peace in the Middle East — then Americans would soon become less enthusiastic in their support for Israel.

Or take the question of racism in Israel. The famous UN resolution of November 1975 which equated Zionism with racism was not taken seriously by Americans at the time because no one provided them with solid evidence of racist practices in Israel. But there is no lack of evidence. I have just been looking through a collection of articles from different Israeli newspapers, all of them written between June and August of this year, and all of them dealing with different examples of racial discrimination as it is practiced in Israel today.

What prompted several of these articles was the cancellation of subsidies on various foodstuffs in Israel this summer, which led to sharp price rises.

The government, to compensate the poorer citizens, raised the social security allowances for those with low incomes — but restricted the new allowances to the families of those who had served in the army; in other words, to Jews, since Arabs are not allowed to serve in the Israeli army. The decision was strongly attacked, and rightly, as an obvious instance of racial discrimination, but no one pre-

tended that this was unusual. As one writer put it, again in *Ha'aretz* (which has become Mr. Begin's strongest critic):

"The Arabs have been discriminated against ever since the state of Israel came into existence. The Israeli Arabs live under the shadow of discrimination in almost every sphere of life. The present government only changed the style, not the content."

Here again is something which needs to be brought to the attention of the American public, and with properly documented evidence taken from Israeli sources. Despite some of the things that have been done in their name, Americans do believe in equal rights. If they could really be convinced of the racist nature of Israeli society, their support for Israel (which already is becoming more half-hearted in the face of Mr. Begin's obstinacy) would fall away sharply.

To convince them is not going to be easy, but no task is more worth the effort. The Arab League has the means to do it and I hope that a serious effort will be made to set about it, as part of the information programme outlined at the Tunis summit conference. There is already a useful organization in existence, the North American Arab Association (NAAA) with its headquarters in Washington. Given money and moral support, the NAAA could prepare the ground for the Arab League's high-level mission. The time is ripe too, with America's leaders becoming more and more alienated by Israel's obstruction of every attempt to find a peace settlement. As one American diplomat in the Middle East said to me a few weeks ago, despairingly, "what we have to do is to educate the Congress". Perhaps that is where the effort should start.

Will SALT be a casualty of the crisis in Iran?

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON — The Iranian crisis now has a stranglehold on American politics. President Jimmy Carter's insistence on personal control means he has little time for other pressing business, least of all his campaign for re-election next year.

And the Senate's preoccupation with Iran, coupled with the crowded congressional calendar this winter, means the Senate debate on SALT II is most unlikely to begin this year. The longer it is delayed, the greater grows the possibility that the treaty will be thrown out.

The Senate Majority Leader, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, has expressed "dismay" that the Senate floor debate on SALT should take place during the presidential primary season, but concedes this now seems inevitable.

There are two immediate reasons for the delay. First, the Senate is caught up in a prolonged agony over the President's windfall profits tax bill, designed to divert increased oil profits (following

price deregulation) away from the oil companies and into other federal energy programs.

Second, the Senate Armed Services Committee is studying five-year projections for U.S. defense spending — now a crucial element of the SALT debate. Though the committee has no jurisdiction over the treaty, it aims to be highly influential behind the scenes.

Since the momentous evidence of Henry Kissinger before the Senate hearings, an increase in defense spending has become to many senators the price of SALT ratification. The leader of this camp is Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, an acknowledged defense authority, whose support is seen by the administration as crucial to the treaty's future.

Earlier this year, during the arguments over the presence of a Soviet combat brigade in Cuba, Nunn said he could not support the treaty unless it were accompanied by a 5 per cent increase in the defense budget — after inflation — each year for the next five years.

The projected increase for fiscal 1981 was, at the

time, some 3 per cent. President Carter has now raised this to 3.6 per cent, and has hinted he will be advocating higher increases, just over 4 per cent, for the next year. In an unprecedented move, he has offered to make the defense budget available to the Senate before it is ready for formal presentation.

The Defense Secretary, Harold Brown, last week met both Nunn and Kissinger — an indication of the Administration's continuing efforts to lobby support for the treaty. Nunn, however, was reserving judgment pending further study of the defense budget. Kissinger, preoccupied by criticism of his role in bringing the Shah to the U.S., offered no public comment on SALT.

"Iran is a watershed for our foreign policy," said one member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "We are finally shedding our post-Vietnam guilt, and shifting away from its defensive posture. We are not going to let anything like this happen again."

Whatever the fate of the hostages in Iran, it now seems that the SALT treaty could become another of the victims of Ayatollah Khomeini. — (OFNS).

saudi press review

Newspapers Saturday mostly led with a report on the vast congregation for Friday prayers at the Holy Haram, held for the first time since the renegades attacked it Nov. 20. In its lead story, *Al-Riyadh* quoted Interior Minister Prince Naif as saying that investigations will reveal the real motives of the renegades. King Khaled's return to Riyadh after reopening the Grand Mosque and performing the sunset prayer there Thursday formed the headline of *Okaz*.

Newspapers frontpaged a reaffirmation by Habib Chatti, the new secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) that the Arab states would never accept the internationalization of Jerusalem. In a front-page story, a majority of newspapers said the Arab Information Ministers will meet in Tunis Wednesday to determine a new strategy for information. King Khaled's thanks to King

Hussein of Jordan for the latter's congratulation on the purging of the Holy Mosque, the reported imminent trial of the American hostages in Iran and the disturbing situation in Azerbaijan as well as Britain's lifting of economic sanctions from Rhodesia, were prominently carried on the front pages of most newspapers.

In an editorial on the first Friday prayer at the Holy Haram after its recent assault, *Al-Jazirah* said it opened a new era of peace and tranquility for all Muslims. "Over a million Muslims thronged the Grand Mosque for the Friday prayer to reiterate their firm belief in the Kingdom's ability to serve the Sacred Place and to take care of the worshippers," it said.

The paper described the Friday prayer as an "expression of renewed love" of Muslims for the Holy Kaaba, and said the prayer

was "a manifestation of the confidence that peace and tranquility once again prevailed in the Holy Haram." The paper went on to say that malicious elements tried to exaggerate the incident, neglecting the fact that it would not have received much attention if it had not taken place at the holiest place on earth. It added that the unity of Saudi Arabians in the leadership of King Khaled had given the deviators a lesson that will be remembered by anyone who is tempted to transgress the Holy Kaaba's sanctity.

Al-Medina said in an editorial that the live radio and television relay of the Friday sermon and prayer at the Holy Haram "showed to the world how much this country and its leadership have been loyal to the pledge they had taken upon themselves to clean up the House of God from the straying clique." While doing so, the paper added, the

authorities had not neglected the protection of the Mosque and the lives of worshippers who had been held inside.

The paper reiterated that the Holy Kaaba remained unaffected "since it has a Creator who protects it. God safeguarded it and made it easy for the servants of this House to clean it from the outrageous sacrilege," it added.

"The Haram incident has brought the government and people still closer to work on the basis of Islamic teachings away from extremist and stubborn approaches," the paper said, adding that Islam emphasized moderation and rejected all forms of exaggeration and pretensions, as these only lead to heresy, corruption and rebellion.

Al-Riyadh described the attack on the Mosque as the "crime of the age" perpetrated by a misled gang whose activities ended up

with an utter defeat for themselves. The paper highlighted King Khaled's keenness on being among those who hurried to perform the prayer after the purge of the Holy Mosque. "His presence was an expression of the unity and strength of the Saudi society which holds fast to the Islamic values and the teachings of the Holy Prophet," it said.

"The Kingdom's leadership is harnessing all its efforts to keep the Muslim youth abreast with scientific and technological advancements in order to be able to restore the past glory of Islam," the paper said, and added that "the modern science of the West and all its economic and social philosophies would not have reached the summit of supremacy if the West had not inherited the advancement brought about by Arab and Muslim genius during the by-gone days of the Islamic state."

Al-Nadwa said editorially that "the whole affair, right from the assault to the cleaning of the Mosque from the vestiges of the deviationists, and the resumption of prayers, shows how Islam reacts to bind the whole Islamic nation in one strong cord of brotherhood." In a reference to the malicious propaganda against Islam and the Kingdom, the paper said "Islam and its followers have proved beyond doubt that God has enabled them to push back all hostile currents and to stand firmly in the face of all misleading trades against them."

Friday was "a memorable day" in the history of Mecca, said the paper, and reiterated that "the country's leadership will continue to protect the Holy Harams and other sacred places and all the sections of people in the Kingdom will continue to live as one family blessed with the faith of Islam."

White House Years

Sadat expels the Soviets (II)

Editor's note: In the first installment of this chapter, Kissinger tells how the United States continued its approach to the Middle East since the death of Nasser and the rise of a new leader, Anwar Sadat. In this installment, he says, the U.S. began to realize that Sadat was trying to produce a fresh momentum to his relations with Israel. He tells of the lack that came about between the two countries because Sadat led an interim agreement as a first step to total withdrawal and the U.S. clung to their position that this was impossible. We continue with first glimpses of step-by-step diplomacy.

important, Sadat made the tent conditional on an timetable for total withdrawal along the lines of the Plan. This the Israelis rejected. Engagement had no chance as it had to be negotiated with an overall settlement. There was no chance of success for us to ourselves. Our ace in the hole was that if we played our right, we would produce progress in diplomacy. The Soviets could promise to work in war. But for this to work we had to be able to work with them. We could not waste our time on futile maneuvers. To have an interim agreement had to be separated from a comprehensive settlement. If they were linked, we merely dissipate our influence.

proposal and with barely time for an assessment on next steps — could hardly alleviate Israel's congenital apprehension that it would again be rushed headlong into a diplomacy which would link an interim with a final settlement along lines it opposed. In the absence of agreed objectives it proved impossible to bridge the gap between the two sides' conceptions by procedural legende-main. At various times each side was led to believe that we sympathized with its version of the interim concept; disillusionment, frustration, and stalemate were the inevitable result.

My idea was to use interim agreement to break the impasse. Once achieved, such a step would ease the way to further advances. But I also parted company with those in Israel who regarded an interim disengagement as a way to

pursued the concept with Abba Eban in mid-March and with Egypt's representative in Washington, Ashraf Ghorbal, on March 25. My approach was to use an initial step to get the process of withdrawal and mutual acceptance under way even without a commitment to ultimate goals. Since Dobrynin was willing to discuss my approach, negotiations returned to regular channels and there, not unexpectedly, it turned out that the parties were not yet ready to agree on even a limited accord.

The Israelis in mid-April produced a paper with the details of their approach: an Israeli pullback of unspecified (but short) distance from the Canal; no Egyptian troops to cross the Canal; some thinning out of Egyptian troops on the Egyptian side of the Canal; a cease-fire of indefinite duration; no linkage whatever to further withdrawals. Rabin, in fact, showed me the proposed Israeli position paper before surfacing it at the State Department. I persuaded him to convince his government to modify some elements that would have made the negotiation a total non-starter. As it was, the final Israeli version was certain to be unacceptable to Egypt.

current state of play without keeping us fully apprised and receiving your specific approval for any departure from the status quo. But I could do no more than warn. Since he was unwilling to confront his Secretary on this issue, Nixon had no way to enforce the above strictures even if he agreed with my analysis, which was far from a foregone conclusion.

Rogers visited the Middle East at the beginning of May 1971. His discussions in Israel and Egypt made the fundamental differences explicit. Sadat wanted Egyptian troops to be able to take up positions on both sides of the Canal; Israel violently disagreed (except for Dayan, who thought, wisely, that some Egyptian police presence might be permissible). Sadat insisted on an Israeli commitment in principle to the 1967 borders linked to the Canal accord. Israel would make no such commitment (although Dayan told Sisco that he was one of the few in the government who did see the interim step as part of a continuing peace process). Rogers's trip had no result except to get Dayan in some trouble at home when the differences between his government's position and his own became publicly known. In an astute analysis, Hal

became unintentionally but closely involved. By coincidence of timing, the Secretary's visit and the expectation of a Canal settlement will be linked in many minds with Sadat's big move. If he cannot demonstrate success for his policy of seeking negotiation, the US — regardless of the merits of the case — may bear much of the onus.

The Phantom Memorandum

At this point, the quest for an interim agreement turned into a detective story. It was becoming

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increasingly difficult to find out who was proposing what to whom. The White House could no longer tell whether the parties were putting forward their own views or else interpretations of ours to force us into supporting publicly what we had told them privately. In the process, some of our diplomats carried out an extraordinary maneuver of which the White House was completely ignorant. In a follow-up to the Rogers trip, our diplomatic representative in Cairo helped the Egyptians draft their own counterproposal on an interim settlement. The incident not only revealed the State Department's bias toward an interim accord that was a stage toward an agreed (and unattainable) comprehensive settlement; more worrisome, the American inability to implement the proposal (after the Egyptians had put it forward with what they felt was our blessing) magnified Cairo's disillusionment with American diplomacy; they thought us either incompetent or deceitful.

Only three weeks afterward did the White House have any inkling of what had taken place in Cairo. Evidently what happened was that Donald Bergus, head of the US Interests Section in Cairo met Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials on May 23 to discuss an Egyptian position paper. When the Egyptians sought Bergus's advice, he apparently wrote out detailed ideas and left his notes with the Egyptians. Bergus's draft, when it became known, bore a striking resemblance to the formal Egyptian proposal that was ultimately submitted to us by Sadat on June 4. It was an extraordinary procedure, which I remain convinced no professional diplomat of Bergus's experience would have undertaken without authorization from higher-ups. It was also bound to fail and leave us out on a limb. When word of the Bergus memorandum later leaked to the press, the State Department disavowed it, saying that it did not represent an official US position. The Egyptians were now doubly angry, stung by the disavowal and bitter that we could not deliver on what they had assumed represented our own idea. The Israelis were enraged that we were encouraging Egypt to put forward terms which they had told us they would never accept. I was annoyed to put it mildly, that none of these moves had been disclosed to the President of the United States.

Then came another bombshell, of even greater importance. On May 27, 1971, Sadat signed a Friendship Treaty with the Soviet

Union. In his autobiography, Sadat treats this agreement as a kind of sop to Soviet sensibilities after he had purged and jailed all the top pro-Soviet elements in Egyptian politics. I now believe this to have been the principal motive — though none of us understood Sadat at the time. But surely it reflected also a new Soviet boldness and Sadat's frustration with erratic American diplomacy. It was bound to alarm the Israelis and make an interim settlement even harder to achieve. Not surprisingly, State had a more

dependent on Soviet support. In turn, Sadat is at the moment dependent on his military for his base of power, having purged the party and the bureaucracy. Rather than strengthening Sadat's flexibility with respect to negotiating the Canal settlement, the treaty could give the Soviet Union a veto over the future negotiations. Thus, whatever the outcome of the negotiations — and after all, the Soviets are the chief beneficiaries of a Suez settlement — recent events may have enhanced Soviet long-term influence. Certainly the Soviets are committed to engage themselves as never before in case of resumption of hostilities.

I cannot tell whose interpretation Nixon accepted. My only clue is that in the margin of my memorandum he expressed his worry that "we must not allow this to be a pretext for escalation of arms to Israel. We should assist only in response to incontrovertible evidence of Soviet military aid which we evaluate as significantly changing the balance of power." Nixon said more or less the same thing in a news conference on June 1. We were in danger of confrontation with Egypt, Israel, and the Soviet Union simultaneously.

Not knowing Sadat, I had to conclude that he was still playing Nasser's game. Furthermore, Sadat's impatience was becoming evident in repeated declarations that 1971 had to be the "year of

decision" in the Middle East. Our strategy had to be to frustrate any Egyptian policy based on military threats and collusion with the Soviet Union. Therefore Sadat's Friendship Treaty with the Soviets, whatever its motives, did not galvanize us to help him as he might have hoped. On the contrary, it reinforced my determination to slow down the process even further to demonstrate that Soviet threats and treaties could not be decisive.

Nevertheless, the State Department remained eager to press ahead. On the day I left for Asia (and China), July 1, Sisco sounded out Ambassador Rabin about a visit to Israel to discuss an interim settlement. (It was hardly a coincidence that this new State Department initiative came when I was leaving for a twelve-day absence abroad.) While in Asia, I managed, as I have described, to persuade the President to hold any major Mideast decisions in abeyance until I returned; he used the pretext of calling an NSC meeting on the subject for July 16, which any new initiatives would have to await. The July 16 NSC meeting when it convened, was characterized by Presidential complaints about the pro-Israel lobby; Laird's objections to further aircraft supply to Israel; and Rogers's eagerness for Sisco to visit Israel.



In the Lincoln Sitting Room, Kissinger meets Nixon

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avoid any further withdrawals. On the contrary, the chief utility of a disengagement along the Canal in my view was to launch a process of negotiation that might ultimately lead to peace with some or all of the Arab states. (This was, of course, the concept of "step-by-step" progress, which unlocked the peace process in 1974).

Nixon had given me a mandate to explore what was feasible but not to negotiate it. In pursuit of this, I broached the idea of a separate interim agreement with Dobrynin on March 22, 1971, to see whether the Soviets were prepared to abandon the linkage to a detailed comprehensive plan. I

Rogers was nevertheless determined to accelerate what he believed to be a hopeful venture. On April 19 he secured the President's authorization to visit several Middle East countries to find common ground between Egypt and Israel on an interim settlement. I expressed my doubts to Nixon in a memorandum of April 22.

It would be especially worrisome were his presence to accelerate the diplomatic process and further to intensify the current stalemate between Israel, the Arabs, the US and USSR. For this reason, I believe it is important that you caution the Secretary not to depart from the

Saunders wrote me on May 19 that he feared Sadat might have been counting on Rogers to deliver a Canal agreement. Sadat, who had just carried out the massive purge of pro-Soviet elements in his government, probably needed diplomatic progress "to make his policy work and survive politically... The door is open for a major letdown if there is no movement now." When Rogers sent Nixon a report on his trip, I attached my own analysis in the same vein.

The sobering thought in all of this is that, while Sadat moved to purge his opponents mainly to secure his own position, the US has

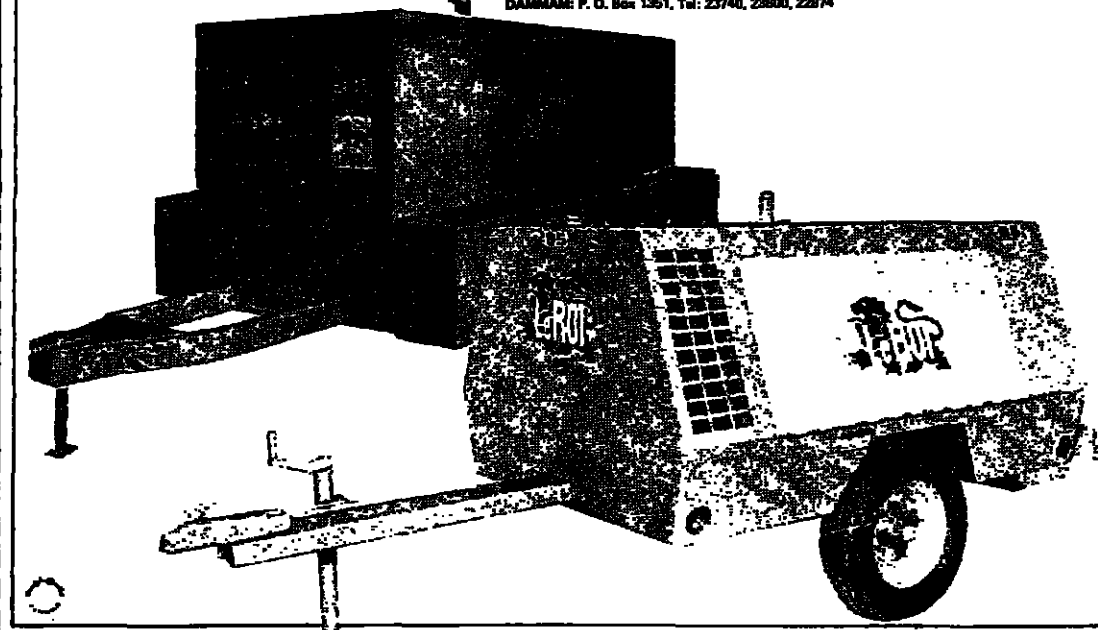
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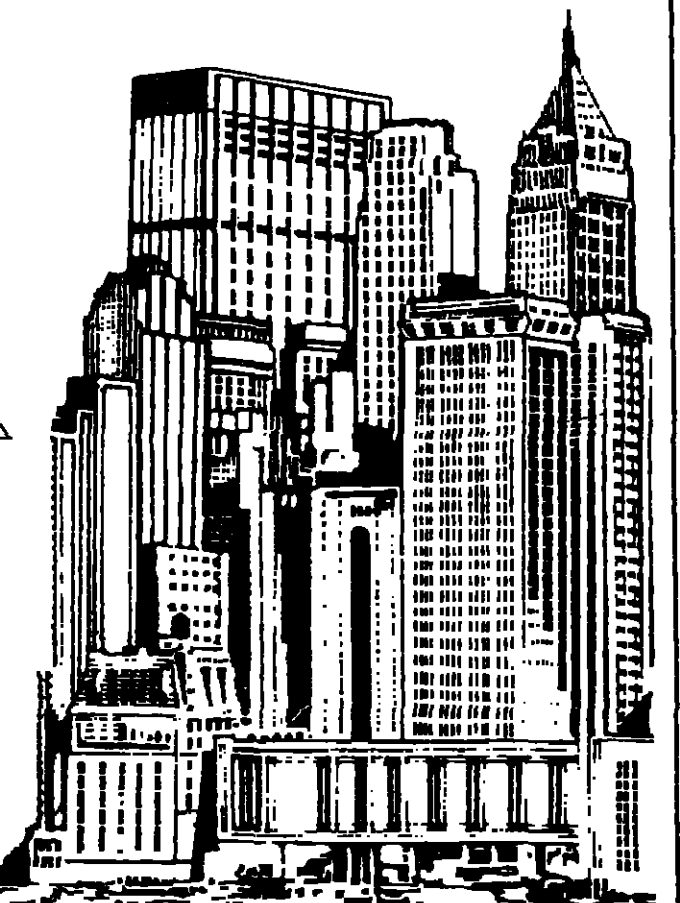
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Six killed as tension increases at Thailand-Cambodia border

PONG NAMRON, Dec. 8 (AP) — Three Thais and at least three Cambodian guerrillas have been killed in two incidents along the Thai-Cambodian border.

Authorities said Friday that a Thai border patrolman and a village defense volunteer were killed when they stepped on a land mine at this border village.

The mine was believed to have been planted by Communist insurgents operating in the Chantaburi province area. The two men died instantly.

Meanwhile, authorities at the border town of Aranyaprathet said Saturday that one Thai soldier and at least three guerrillas were killed during a clash at the

Thai border in Ta Phraya district Friday.

The clash occurred when the Thai soldiers were dispatched to Nong Chan village in Ta Phraya district after they received a report that some armed Cambodians were trying to make an incursion into Thailand.

The government said it would accept Cambodian civilians for temporary asylum but armed troops are not allowed to cross the frontier.

The Cambodians in the Ta Phraya area are members of the "Free Khmer" movement who are resisting the Vietnamese and the Communist regime of ousted Premier Pol Pot.

Over pay

U.K. steelworkers strike

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP) — Union leaders of 90,000 steelworkers at the state-owned British Steel Corp. have called a national strike over pay for Jan. 2.

The strike was called Friday by the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation over what it termed a "derisory" pay rise of two per cent on an average basic wage of just over \$165 a week, offered by BSC management.

It will be the first strike of the normally moderate steelmen since the 1926 general strike.

The ISTC had demanded a 20 per cent increase for its members in the financially stricken corporation which is losing \$1.7 million a day.

The Conservative government of Mrs. Margaret Thatcher has already told BSC chairman Sir Charles Villiers the corporation

must stand on its own feet and the administration was no longer willing to cover its losses.

BSC employs 182,000 workers between the steelmen and the blastfurnacemen who have yet to put in their wage claim.

Villiers has already announced the closure of two steel plants in South Wales and said he intends cutting BSC's workforce by over 40,000 workers. Unions representing all 182,000 say they will resist the cuts.

When the two per cent offer was made last Monday, David Grievies, managing director in charge of BSC personnel and social policy told reporters, "we cannot afford to do any more. The facts are that we are bust."

And he added, "it's like mother Hubbard. There's nothing in the cupboard."

But their adventure is cautious

Japan tourists develop taste for exotic

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (AP) — Bored with tourist magnets such as Paris and Hawaii, increasing numbers of Japanese are setting off to see the world's exotic corners.

The Japanese tourist, however, is no carefree adventurer. He prefers to season adventure with comfort, and follows only those remote pathways that have been trod first by a tour packager.

"The adventure tour is no different from any other except that it is more exotic and expensive," said Kaoru Sakurada, public relations officer for Japan Travel

Bureau, which is offering new year's jaunts to Patagonia, Bhutan, oases of the Sahara, the Galapagos Islands, Mt. Popocatepetl in Mexico and Mt. Kilimanjaro in East Africa.

Sakurada said many foreign tourists "can put a rucksack on their backs and set off down the highway. There just aren't many Japanese like that."

One reason for this caution is that exotic tours are expensive, and those who can afford them are mostly over 40.

Japan Travel Bureau, says

The Thai government early this week cut off relief supplies from international agencies to one of the Free Khmer encampments at the border after the armed leaders refused to allow their people to move into a new camp inside Thailand.

The boycott was lifted Friday after the leaders said they would move the troops deeper inside Cambodia and allow other people to be evacuated into safer areas inside Thailand.

The international Red Cross Friday was allowed to truck in food and water supplies to the encampment at Non Mark Moon where an estimated 250,000 Cambodians are gathering.

In a related development, the French Embassy in Bangkok announced that a French Air Force DC-8 aircraft, carrying a comprehensive field hospital, was scheduled to arrive in Bangkok Saturday.

The hospital, funded by the Rotary Club of France and called "Hospital without Borders" is packed in crates and can be loaded on an aircraft and set up anywhere to accommodate between 50 to 150 patients.

The hospital is to be set up by the International Red Cross at the Sa Kaew III holding center in Prachinburi province which has been recently developed for the refugees.

Aboard the aircraft are also six doctors, eight nurses and a seven-ton cargo of food supplies.

Reporters at the border said Saturday that at least 20 mortars landed on Thai territory, south of Aranyaprathet, after heavy fighting between the Vietnamese-led troops and the Pol Pot guerrillas.

about four million of Japan's 115 million people will travel abroad this year. That compares to about one million only six years ago.

With so many people going overseas, there is a growing minority of veteran travelers who hanker for the exotic.

"We have an increasing market of people who have the money and motivation to go where few others have visited," said Shoji Nakamura, an official of Vivre International, Japan's leader in packaged adventure tours.



NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE: Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize this year, holds in her arms a sleepy Indian child she brought with her to be adopted by an Italian family, on her arrival at Rome Airport Thursday. Mother Teresa will receive the peace prize in a simple ceremony in Oslo Monday.

Mother Teresa to receive Nobel in simple ceremony

OSLO, Dec. 8 (AP) — When she won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for helping the poor of Calcutta, Mother Teresa vowed to maintain her simple life style. And that vow will be kept during a busy four-day round of award ceremonies in Oslo.

After spending two days at a monastery in Rome, the 69-year-old Yugoslav-born laureate was to arrive in Oslo Saturday afternoon for an airport press conference and a welcoming reception arranged by the Indian Embassy.

At the St. Joseph's Institute, where she will stay in a simply furnished room, Mother Teresa was to attend Sunday morning Mass, said provincial Sister Valborg.

A reception in Mother Teresa's honor was also scheduled. A torch-light parade to honor her was to be made.

At the reception "the Norwegian people's prize" will be presented to Mother Teresa. A nation-wide collection of money

has taken place and is expected to net more than \$60,000.

At the awarding ceremony Monday the Norwegian Radio symphony orchestra will first greet "Calcutta's saint of the gutters" by playing Geir Tveit's welcoming hymn as introduction to the main speech by Mother Teresa by Nobel Committee chairman John Janness. The speech is expected to run some 2,000 words.

The orchestra will play "Gratitude" by the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg before the laureate accepts the \$192,600 prize check, Nobel gold medal and diploma.

Mother Teresa is expected to say a few words to thank the committee for the honor bestowed upon her. She has said she will use the money to help the needy and sick people her mission of charity sisters care for.

The ceremony winds up with the orchestra playing the hymn "Praise be to God" by Johan Sebastian Bach.

The Nobel dinner Monday night was canceled at Mother Teresa's request. The money saved on food, about \$6,000, will be presented to Mother Teresa at a simple reception after the awards ceremony. Lars-Erik Thunholm of the Swedish Nobel Foundation will hand over the extra money, which will help feed 100 poor people in Calcutta a full year, according to press reports here.

Before leaving next Wednesday morning, Mother Teresa will also deliver the traditional Nobel lecture Tuesday night in the university festival hall.

Dissent once more allowed in Seoul

SEOUL, Dec. 8 (AP) — For the first time in nearly five years, South Koreans were free Saturday to criticize the government without fear of arrest. But the country remains under martial law and real democracy is at least a year or two away.

Six weeks after the assassination of President Park Chung-hee, one of his most repressive laws, which virtually banned political dissent, was abolished and 68 political prisoners who violated it left prison as free men shortly after curfew was lifted at 4 a.m. Saturday.

Nearly 1,000 dissidents arrested under Emergency Decree Nine of May 1975 were also affected by his death. They include former Presidential candidate Kim Dae-jung, who was freed from house arrest.

Kim, who spent three years in prison for criticizing Park and had been confined to his home for the last six months, told a news conference Saturday, "What is most urgently needed now is a guarantee for free political activities, even under martial law."

He said the government must also guarantee human rights which the Korean people fought for while Park was in power.

Under the provisions of the decree it was illegal to criticize Park or even suggest amending the 1972 Yushin constitution which he wrote to perpetuate his one-man rule.

All demonstrations, political activity and criticism of emergency decrees were also banned.

Since Park's assassination Oct. 26, the country has been under martial law and demonstrations and political gatherings are still banned. Some 200 students and dissidents have been arrested for martial law violations.

Immediately after the decree was wiped off the books, the political prisoners and ex-political prisoners most directly affected had few words of criticism. Many said they were satisfied it was abolished, albeit belatedly.

As he left a prison in Seoul, Song Ja-bin, a member of the splinter opposition Democratic Unification Party, said, "I am convinced history is now flowing in the right direction."

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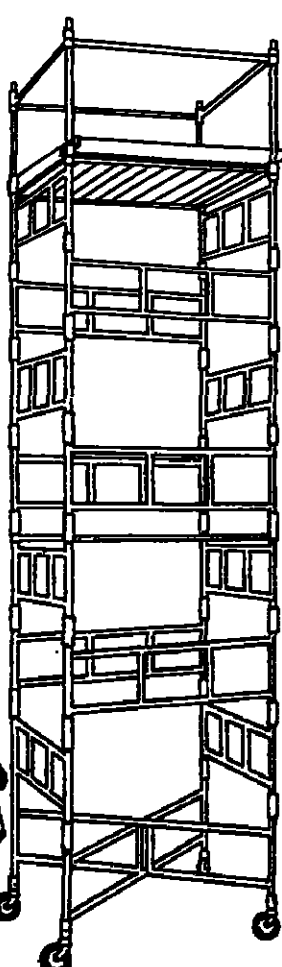
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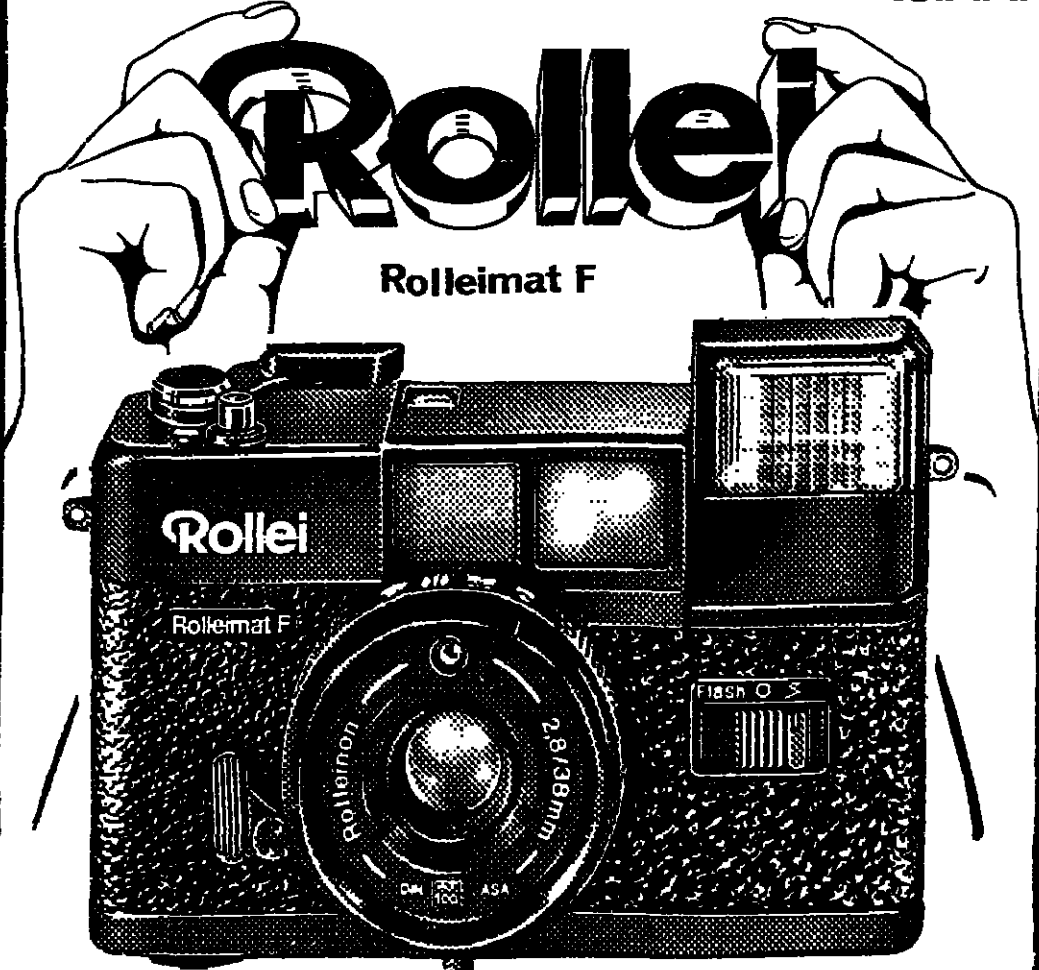
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Chinese may not accept

Soviet Union outlines plan for normalizing China ties

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (R) — The Soviet Union Saturday outlined its plan for normal relations with its communist arch-rival, China, but only acceptance by Peking looked likely.

The Kremlin, in a clearly hortatory article in the Communist newspaper *Pravda*, published a draft declaration of principles for future relations with China.

The draft was put to Chinese negotiators during an apparently inconclusive first round of talks which ended in Moscow Nov. 30. The Chinese side, headed by Foreign Minister Wang

Qiang, is believed to have indicated it wants major differences to be ironed out before a declaration of principles is discussed.

In the *Pravda* article signed by Igor Alexandrov, regarded as the pen name of a member of the ruling Politburo, the Kremlin reaffirmed its desire to normalize relations with China and end 15 years of bitterness.

But it also reproached Peking for stepping up anti-Soviet propaganda in recent months and suggested China's leaders were to blame for the failure so far to improve relations.

Pravda said the working out of principles had now become central to efforts to normalize Soviet-Chinese relations.

The principles of peaceful co-existence, it said, included complete equality for both sides, respect for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, the non-use of force or threat of force, and mutual benefit.

Pravda said these principles required commitments from both sides not to claim "special rights" or practice hegemony or word used, by both Moscow and Peking to describe each other's alleged expansionist aims.

It said that Peking was accusing

Moscow of militarism to justify its own bellicose conduct and high military spending.

Pravda defended Moscow's friendship treaty with Vietnam, saying it was not directed against any third state, and accused China of continuing to falsify the spirit and essence of the accord.

Chinese sources in Moscow said that China is unlikely to agree to any signing of a declaration of principles until the basic causes of Sino-Soviet hostility have been given a good airing and major differences discussed.

They were non-committal about reports that the Soviet side believed a declaration could be signed by April 11 when a 30-year treaty of friendship and cooperation lapses.

Unofficial spokesman for the six-man Chinese delegation repeatedly stressed lack of progress during the two months of talks in the Soviet capital.

The talks, the first since Chinese Premier Chou Enlai came to Moscow in 1964, included six plenary sessions. The Soviet delegation is headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Il'yichov.



PLANETS: A photo released Wednesday by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration shows a mosaic of six of the planets in our solar system. The photos were taken by satellites. The earth is seen over the horizon of the moon with a sun flare on its edge. The other planets are Venus, Jupiter, Mercury, Mars and Saturn.

Manila group hits at U.S. bases

MANILA, Dec. 8 (AP) — The Civil Liberties Union of the Philippines said Saturday nuclear missiles in American military bases threaten this country's existence if the United States goes to war over the Iran crisis.

President Ferdinand Marcos

learned nothing from World War II, when the U.S. presence brought widespread destruction and three years of Japanese occupation, the CLUP said.

"America's nuclear bases in this country are not only targets for her offensive or retaliatory action but they are also staging platforms for her nuclear naval and aerial capability," the statement said.

"At no time was this stark reality so unabashedly etched as when the U.S. carrier *Kitty Hawk* was deployed from its Subic sanctuary and sent into the Indian after the Iran crisis began.

weapons, the Pentagon has not confirmed persistent reports that they are stored at Subic and at Clark air base, 72 kilometers north of the capital.

"The U.S. government's decision to risk a nuclear war over its citizens beleaguered by radical Iranian students has automatically and necessarily dragged the Philippines into the orbit of a conflict that might end up in our annihilation," the CLUP statement said.

Authorities in Peking ban Democracy Wall

PEKING, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — Municipal workers quietly scrubbed clean Peking's Democracy Wall Friday night, leaving only bare stonework where political activists had aired their views with posters during the past year.

About 50 workers were called in for the clean-up job on the wall which runs along one side of a bus terminal on the city's main Chang An Boulevard. The operation started after midnight Friday and was virtually completed well before dawn.

The only witnesses were occasional drivers of horse-drawn wagons of hay and other farm produce arriving in the city center.

than the old, workmen busily were constructing an awning to protect the posters from the rain. The registration office opened at 8:30 a.m. in a pale blue building constructed in a single day Friday.

"Place for putting up posters" said a black and white notice with a red arrow pointing to the wall.

"Notice to people who put up posters," said a second notice on the new wall. It said those who want to put up posters must first register at the office and fill out a form, supplying their names, pen names, addresses and work units.

The form and poster will be stamped with an official red seal and the poster will be put up without prior examination, it said. Registration staff are not to comment on the posters' content.

To limit poster activity, authorities chose a park completely surrounded by walls and fences. Registration office hours are limited to three hours each morning and afternoon with time off for the staff every Tuesday and Thursday to attend a political study session. They receive time off Monday also.

The first man to register Saturday was Chen Hung Gang, one of Peking's thousands of Shangfang, or petitioners from the provinces. He emerged smiling from the registration office and proudly displayed a battered poster that already had appeared off and on for weeks at Democracy Wall.

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by Sudomo, chief of the

National Security Agency, and

representatives from 13 Western

countries in Jakarta.

N. Korea says U.S. unit crossed line of ceasefire

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (AP) — North Korea Saturday accused United States forces in South Korea of "infiltrating armed personnel" into the North Korean side of the demilitarized zone Friday and claimed it was a violation of the armistice agreement.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) also accused American forces of sending a military helicopter into the sky in the Samgyi four hours later.

KCNA said the incident occurred "southwest of Mount Mt. Inyang" at around 11 hours Dec. 7, followed by a "military helicopter over the same area at around 15:47 hours."

Reports from Seoul said American soldiers on a routine patrol inadvertently strayed across the military demarcation line into North Korean side about 1.6 kilometers east of the truce village of Panmunjom at about 12:30 p.m. Friday. The patrol was probably lost in heavy fog, a U.N. command spokesman said.

An explosion of unknown origin occurred in which several soldiers were wounded. One soldier was reported missing. "An unarmed medical evacuation helicopter was dispatched at 3:30 p.m. into the area, where flights are prohibited, to evacuate the wounded."

KCNA in a dispatch seen in Tokyo said North Korean troops fired "warning shots at the U.S. military helicopter."

KCNA said "infiltration of armed U.S. personnel and military helicopter into our portion of the demilitarized zone is a grave vio-

lation of the armistice agreement. "Mindful of its violation of the armistice agreement may create tension and bring about irrevocable consequences, the U.S. side should see to it that a similar case is not repeated in the future and take appropriate steps for the strict observance of the armistice agreement."

The KCNA report said the North Koreans are "now conducting fact-finding on the spot."

The agency gave no further details on the incident.

Nigeria urges world body to put ban on mercenaries

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (AP) — Nigeria has asked the U.N. General Assembly to add an item on mercenaries to the agenda of its session scheduled to end in less than two weeks.

Nigerian Ambassador B. Akporode Clarke Friday asked the assembly to consider drafting of a convention prohibiting the recruiting, training or use of mercenaries.

He said he made the request on behalf of a number of unspecified countries "in view of the very important and urgent character of the subject-matter."

In an explanation of the request, Clarke defined mercenaries as soldiers of fortune and said they menace many African states.

He noted that on various occasions, dating back to 1967, the Organization of African Unity has condemned "the sordid and

inhuman occupation of these soldiers of fortune who have no stake in Africa other than the exploits and the gains from the booty of the wars against governments and national liberation movements."

A proposed resolution would ask all states to consider measures to prohibit "the recruitment, training, assembly, transit and use of mercenaries within their territories."

The draft resolution expressed deep concern "over the increasing menace which the activities of mercenaries represent for all states, particularly African states and other small developing states of the world."

Clarke's request will be considered by the assembly's Steering Committee. No date has been set for the committee's meeting. The assembly is scheduled to end its session on Dec. 18 and has a full schedule of work to be completed by that date.



ILLUSTRATION: One of the waste outlets carrying polluted water from the Rhine River into the Rhine River near Mulhouse is seen here. French say they will not ratify the 1976 Bonn Treaty on Rhine pollution.

researchers in U.S. find

new form of life molecule

STON, Massachusetts, Dec. 8 (R) — A variation of DNA, the molecule that is the basic building block for all forms of life, has been discovered by a team of scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Professor Alexander Rich, the physicist who led the research, said Friday the discovery changes science's understanding of the DNA molecule. The molecule contains the chemical code that tells each cell how to make proteins.

The study also may lead to new information about the development of cancer, Rich said.

Results of the study, which were published next week in the *Journal Nature*, were said in the *Boston Globe*.

Rich said his group found that an entirely novel "differ significantly" from the famous Double Helix DNA

that was found by James Watson and Francis Crick 26 years ago and won the Nobel Prize.

The DNA Double Helix of Watson and Crick is described as "right handed" because its strands twist to the left, a characteristic that the MIT researchers say could mean it functions differently.

Rich said the discovery "is the first significant variation in the structure of DNA that has become available to scientists in the more than quarter century since they have lived with the Double Helix."

"The full impact of the discovery will require the work of many individuals over a number of years," said Rich.

Most of the DNA in living cells is right-handed, Rich said.

Rich said initial research hints that left-handed DNA may be the catalyst which causes cancer-causing agents to produce cancer.

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British court seen venue for U.S.-Iran asset battle

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP) — A showdown between the United States and Iran is shaping up in Britain's High Court over Iranian assets that the court has frozen temporarily at the request of a U.S. bank.

Skirmishing that has Britain's financial community worried over the consequences of antagonizing Iran's regime began last week.

That was when Iran's national bank, Bank Markazi, started legal

action in Britain against U.S. President Jimmy Carter's order freezing some \$8 billion worth of Iranian assets held in America or by U.S. institutions.

Citibank and Chase Manhattan Bank were reported among five London branches of U.S. banks named in Iranian writs claiming more than \$3 billion worth of assets reported to be on deposit with American bank branches in London.

On Wednesday, on application by the London branch of Chemical Bank of New York, the High Court issued an injunction temporarily superimposing a British freeze over the American one on assets of Iran and Bank Markazi.

This was not a judgment but an automatic and routine temporary action, pending a hearing on the merits of the case. No date has been announced for further action.

The High Court made no announcement on granting the Chemical Bank's temporary writ.

"Undoubtedly the court injunction will be challenged by appeal," an Iranian embassy spokesman told the Associated Press. He also said "a government protest is possible."

Chemical Bank said it obtained the injunction in connection with a \$50 million loan to Iran. It said the loan was part of a \$500 million loan floated by Iran through a consortium of international banks.

Chemical Bank refused to give reasons or further details, but did say that on Nov. 19 it had invoked an "acceleration" clause on the loan, a measure that makes the whole outstanding balance payable — usually used when a debtor fails to maintain regular payments.

Meanwhile, Citibank had responded to the Iranian writs by asking the British High Court Monday to declare that the bank is subject to U.S. law and hence cannot release any dollars to Iran or its central bank.

No ruling has been announced, but London's *Financial Times* reported that a Hungarian application along similar lines was rejected in 1979.

U.S. banks cut prime to 15 1/4%

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (R) — Most major U.S. banks Friday lowered their prime lending rate by one quarter per cent to 15 1/4 per cent, the second consecutive drop after a long series of increases since mid-year.

But there was continued speculation that the rate would go higher again before any major drop.

The prime rate is the interest charged on loans to the bank's best corporate customers. But changes in the rate reflect pressure on interest rates at all levels of the economy.

The rate recently reached a record level of 15 1/2 per cent. But it has come under pressure because of fewer requests for loans, lower costs for the banks in raising money to lend and a general swing in the American economy.

The U.S. Central Bank, the Federal Reserve Board, has announced a policy of fighting inflation by curbing bank lending.



CAR PARK : Motorists in San Francisco are having the carpet laid out for them... literally. When they drive into certain car lots an Oriental rug will greet them, complete with the 5 star treatment and an inviting sign. The idea is the brainchild of a local Californian import company. Picture shows "Park Your Car on the Oriental Rug," invites the sign.

World to face meat crisis next year, FAO declares

ROME, Dec. 8 (AP) — The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says that the world is likely to face meat shortages, especially pork and poultry, next year.

World production of beef, sliced by the downward swing of "cattle cycles" in North America, Argentina and Oceania, dropped nearly four per cent this year, FAO estimated in its latest food outlook report Friday.

The monthly report said that farmers' efforts next year to rebuild their reduced cattle herds by retaining more animals would further reduce beef output in 1980.

Production of sheep meat may increase only slightly next year. World output of pork, in contrast, rose more than five per cent in

1979, and that of poultry by over six per cent, more than compensating for the drop in beef. In 1980, however, further gains in pork and poultry production will be limited by higher feed costs.

Total meat production could thus expand by less than this year's 10 per cent rise, the report said. Next year, the study predicted, the anticipated reduction in beef production together with a slowing of expansion of other meat supplies suggests that international beef prices are likely to remain high. It also predicted that increased demand for pork and poultry meat may drive up the prices.

The report described the present pork and poultry market condition as "depressed." Sheep meat prices would be steady to higher, the report said.

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Despite U.S.-Iran tension Stock market stages healthy rally

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP) — In the five weeks since the confrontation between the United States and Iran began, the stock market has once again demonstrated its capacity for doing the unexpected.

As tensions have mounted following the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran and several dozen American hostages, stock prices have staged a healthy rally.

Best showing

In the past week the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials posted its best weekly showing in two months with a 10.84 advance to 833.19.

On Nov. 7, a couple of days after the Iranian situation made its first headlines, the average stood at 796.67.

Other readings for the past week showed the New York Stock Exchange composite index up .85 at 61.56, and the American Stock Exchange Market value index up 4.48 at 232.26, verging on the all-time high of 235.15 it reached in early October.

Big Board volume averaged 36.34 million shares a day, against 39.36 million the week before. Several explanations have been advanced for the market's increasing strength in the face of a seemingly worsening crisis in Iran.

Distressing

"An obvious answer would have to be that investors — in the aggregate and on balance — viewed the crisis as most distressing but also as unlikely to end in disaster," said John Shultz at Breen Murray, Foster Securities Inc.

"Another answer may be that investors could perceive a silver lining or two in the crisis," Shultz wrote in a recent commentary.

"There were, for example, indications that the crisis has spawned a sense of national unity which seemed lacking therefore in this country. Improved morale among the population quickly finds its way into the stock market."

"More tangibly important, the crisis may have

demonstrated to investors that the dollar remains, and seems likely long to remain, an indispensable medium of exchange international trade."

There is, Shultz argued, simply not a sufficient supply of West German marks, Swiss francs or any other currency, or gold, to handle the demands of the huge amount of trade between the oil-consuming and oil-producing countries.

Willing

"No other countries are willing to have their money function as an international reserve currency, alongside or instead of the dollar, as a pricing and payment medium for OPEC oil," he said.

"The resulting capital flows would inevitably lead to untemperable increases in their money supplies and domestic inflationary pressures."

The issues raised by the battle of wills between Iran and the United States have in fact encouraged buying of two particular groups of stocks that have led the market in recent months — energy issues, and defense stocks.

Conjecture

In addition, continuing conjecture over a possible peak in interest rates is credited with having offset some of investors' jitters over the Iranian situation.

On Friday many of the United States' largest banks lowered their prime lending rates from 15 1/2 to 15 1/4 per cent, joining Chase Manhattan of New York at that level.

Talk of a lasting decline in rates has led to some strong showings lately by a variety of financial issues, including savings and loans, consumer finance, and even shares of brokerage firms.

Bright

But the picture isn't entirely bright as Wall Street moves into the waning days of the year. One glaring exception is the absence of any sign of progress to date in getting the inflation rate down.

Government figures issued this past week showed a 1.3 per cent jump in wholesale prices of finished goods during November.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

| | SAMA | Cash | Transfer |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| U.S. Dollar | 3.37 | 3.375 | 3.375 |
| Pound Sterling | 7.32 | 7.42 | 7.34 |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 192.00 | 195.00 | 193.25 |
| Swiss F (100) | 208.00 | 212.00 | 210.00 |
| French F (100) | 82.00 | 83.25 | 82.25 |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 41.00 | 41.50 | 41.40 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | | 99.00 | 98.25 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | | 86.98 | 78.50 |
| Egyptian Pound | | 4.50 | 4.50 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | | 12.19 | 12.19 |
| Jordanian Dinar | | 11.40 | 11.40 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | | 89.65 | 89.65 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | | 91.25 | 91.25 |
| Bahraini Dinar | | 8.95 | 8.95 |
| Iranian Riyal (100) | | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| Iraqi Dinar (100) | | 9.25 | — |
| Yemeni Riyal (100) | | 74.10 | 74.10 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | | 80.00 | 89.90 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | | — | 42.00 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | | — | 34.20 |
| Gold kg. | 46,700.00 | — | — |
| 10 Tolas bar | 5,450.00 | — | — |
| Silver kg. | — | — | — |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 14.10 | — | 14.16 |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.90 | — | — |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 118.00 | 113.00 | — |
| Dutch Guilder (1,000) | 173.00 | 174.00 | 175.75 |
| Spanish Peso | — | 50.50 | 51.50 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | — | 80.00 | — |
| Philippines Peso (1,000) | — | — | 46.50 |
| Singapore | — | — | 1.57 |

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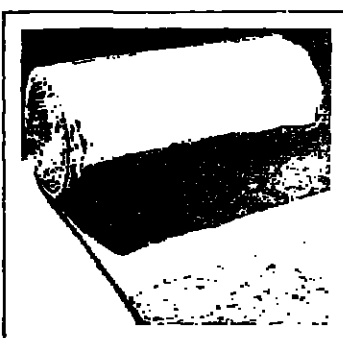
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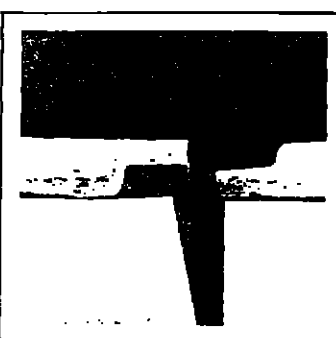
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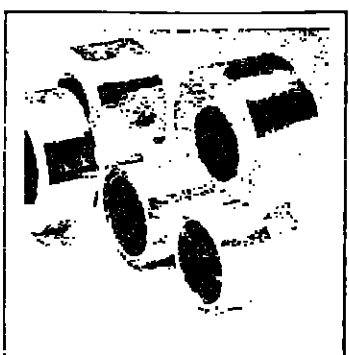
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البورصات الدولية

| Stock | Dec. 5 | Dec. 6 |
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| Alm. 1000 | 73.10 | 73.50 |
| Alm. 2000 | 76.50 | 77.50 |
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EXCHANGE RATES

أسعار العملات الدولية

London Interbank

Dollar Exchange Rates as quoted by Bank of America IFC

| Dec. 5 | Dec. 4 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Britain | 2.1765 2.1978 |
| Switzerland | 1.6067 1.5902 |
| Italy | 920.82 811.50 |
| France | 1.0225 1.0250 |
| W. Germany | 1.9310 1.9182 |
| Netherlands | 28.440 28.112 |
| Belgium C | 28.058 28.255 |
| Denmark | 5.3987 5.3377 |
| Norway | 5.0055 4.9435 |
| Sweden | 4.1995 4.1725 |
| Suriname | 2.65 2.68 4.0 |
| Austria | 12.5900 12.4350 |
| Canada | 1.1665 1.1630 |
| Australia | 1.0615 1.0609 |
| Spain | 66.300 66.310 |
| Finland | 3.7410 3.7150 |

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Closing Spot Sterling Rates at London

December 6

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Canada | 2.1938-2.4000 |
| Switzerland | 2.5490-2.5500 |
| W. Germany | 3.1010-3.5000 |
| France | 3.1410-3.9000 |
| Netherlands | 82.600-85.000 |
| Belgium C | 2.240-2.210 |
| Denmark | 62.28-63.38 |
| Sweden | 9.1000-9.2000 |
| Norway | 11.0250-11.0350 |
| Italy | 10.1800-10.9200 |
| Spain | 160.00-126.00 |
| Portugal | 145.55-145.75 |
| Australia | 109.00-109.00 |
| Japan | 77.41-77.51 |
| U.S. Dollar | 93.00-93.00 |
| Ireland | 1.0285-1.0305 |

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Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Fixings

| Dec. 6 | Dec. 5 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| U.S.A. | 1.7373 1.7375 |
| Britain | 3.7900 3.7920 |
| Ireland | 3.7900 3.7970 |
| Canada | 1.4085 1.4930 |
| Netherlands | 90.170 90.230 |
| Switzerland | 108.350 108.330 |
| France | 91.400 91.44 |
| Denmark | 42.565 42.540 |
| Norway | 32.300 32.330 |
| Sweden | 34.540 34.560 |
| Japan | 41.800 41.850 |
| Italy | 2.135 2.125 |

Exchange Rates for the IMF's SDR

| Dec. 5 | Dec. 4 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| US Dollar | 1.3691 1.3124 |
| Australian Dollar | 1.7925 1.7955 |
| Austrian Schilling | 16.3756 16.3990 |
| Belgian Franc | 37.0182 36.2748 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.2525 1.2525 |
| Deutsche Mark | 2.2707 2.2867 |
| French Franc | 6.5492 6.5136 |
| Iranian Rial | 92.100 92.0772 |
| Italian Lira | 1086.07 1064.31 |
| Japanese Yen | 333.60 325.329 |
| Dutch Guilder | 2.5264 2.51379 |
| Norwegian Krone | 6.2650 6.4046 |
| Pound Sterling | 0.99896 0.99644 |
| Swiss Franc | 4.39775 4.41082 |
| Spanish Pesta | 86.573 87.8068 |
| South African Rand | 5.4604 5.5212 |
| Swedish Kroner | 7.01157 6.99215 |
| Danish Krone | 32.3085 32.3085 |
| Indonesian Rupiah | 817.145 820.541 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 0.36153 0.36269 |
| Nabyu van Rhing | 2.84680 |
| Singapore Dollar | 1.3301 1.2831 |
| South African Rand | 1.08054 1.08083 |
| Swiss Franc | 2.09653 2.08678 |
| U.S. Dollar | 1.3691 1.3124 |
| Venezuelan Bolivar | 5.6991 5.63322 |

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Exchange Rates for the ECU Official Brussels Fixing

December 6

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|--------------------|---------|
| FFB/Lux | 40.3685 |
| Deutsche Mark | 2.7495 |
| Dutch Guilder | 2.7495 |
| French Franc | 6.6516 |
| Portugal Sterling | 7.6490 |
| Spanish Pesta | 81.8193 |
| Italian Lira | 1159.29 |
| U.S. Dollar | 8.67111 |
| U.S. Dollar | 1.24218 |
| Swiss Franc | 2.27470 |
| Spanish Pesta | 86.5669 |
| Norwegian Krone | 7.99532 |
| Swedish Kroner | 16.3632 |
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| Austrian Schilling | 17.0800 |
| Finishes Markka | 5.0085 |
| Japanese Yen | 34.721 |
| Greek Drachma | 52.9034 |

GOLD الذهب

Closing Gold Prices (in US Dollars per troy ounce)

Dec. 6 Dec. 5

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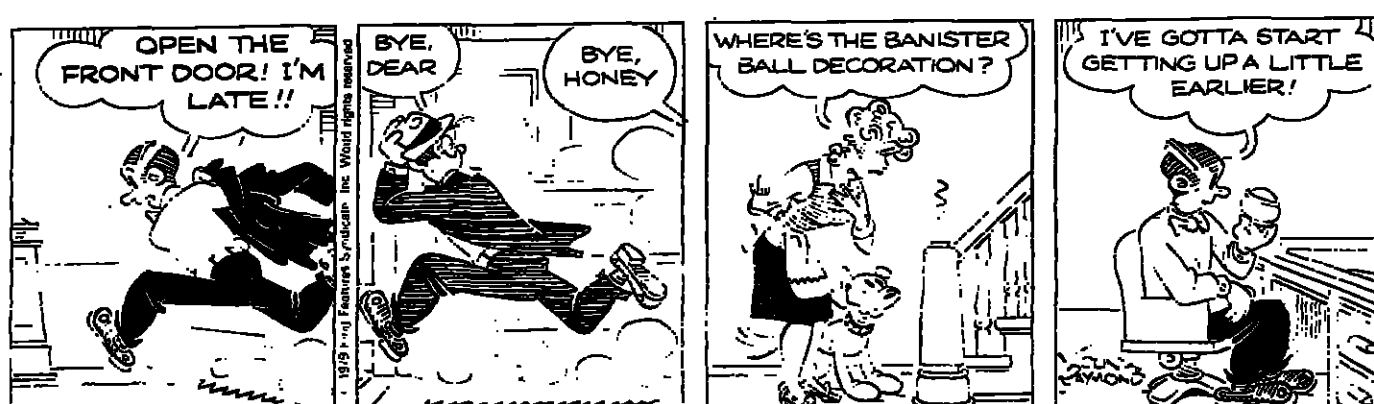
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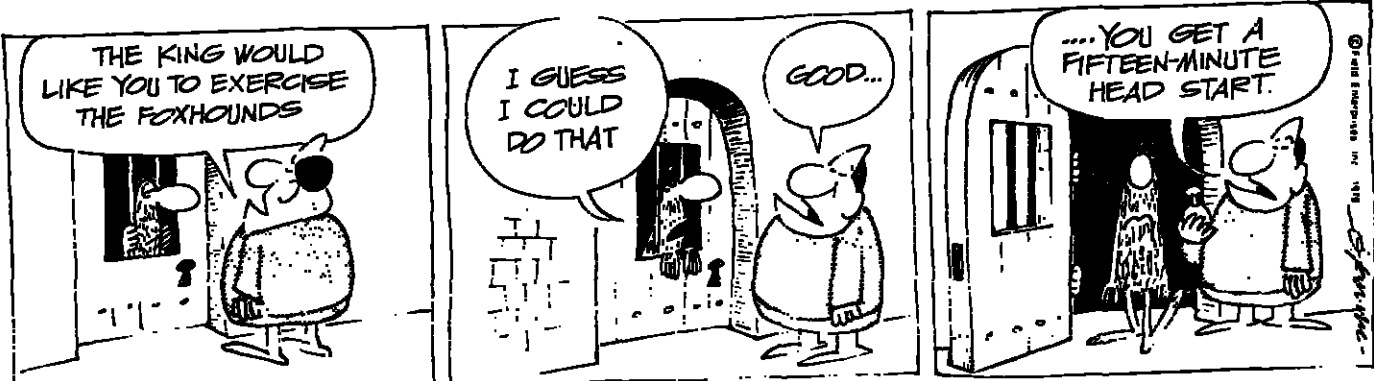
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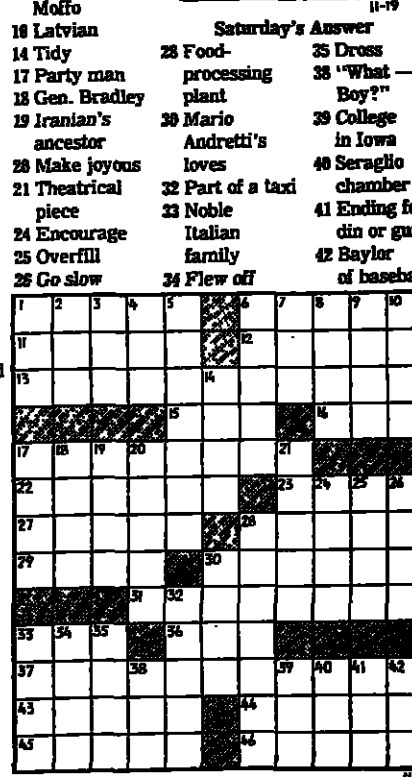


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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1. One of a large family
6. Of Galileo's birthplace
11. Of the moon
12. Vacuous
13. Speedily
15. Shade of green
16. One kind of race
17. Site of one's roots
22. Breakfast dish
23. Throat problem
27. Egyptian president
28. Conspiracy group
29. - and late
31. Sprang
33. Before tea
36. Aquatic bird
37. Brief instant
43. Pester
44. Western show
45. Mystery Writers' award
46. Languish DOWN
1. Actress
2. Witicism
3. Literary notes
4. Sought election

DOWN
5. One of a large family
6. Of Galileo's birthplace
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9. Soprano
10. Muffo
14. Tidy
17. Party man
18. Gen. Bradley
19. Iranian's ancestor
20. Make joyous
21. Theatrical plot
24. Encourage
25. Overfill
26. Go slow
28. Food processing plant
29. Mario's loves
32. Part of a taxi
33. Noble
34. Italian family
35. Fled off
36. Dress
37. "What-Boy?"
38. College in Iowa
39. Scraggly chamber
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42. Baylor of baseball



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A X Y D L B A A X E
is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

PQJ WBJCPJUP EVJCUNBJ XF
VKLJ XU PQCP ZL BJCGXFW.
OQXVJ OJ CBJ MZNFV..

O X V V X C R Q C H V I P P
Saturday's Cryptquote: IT IS THE CHEFEST POINT OF HAPPINESS THAT A MAN BE WILLING TO BE WHAT HE IS. -ERASMUS



Contract Bridge: B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 8
♥ Q 8
♦ J 9 8 7 4 2
♣ J 7 4
WEST
♠ K 6
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ A 10 6
♣ A Q 8 3
EAST
♠ A K 10 9 8 4 2
♥ A K 5 3
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ 8
The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♠ 3♥
4♥ Pass (1) Pass Pass
Opening lead - three of hearts.
It is impossible to fathom some of the strange things that happen in world championship play. Perhaps it is unfair to single out some of the dreadful bids and plays made at the very highest levels of bridge - and at the same time pay little or no heed to the flawless technique displayed by the best players on most occasions.
But a reporter's job is to report, and a writer's job is to write, so if at times we relate here what is bad rather than what is beautiful it is not because we're mean, but because it seems right to point out that even the highest-ranked players are human and err occasionally.
Here is a case where lightning struck twice in the same place. The last occurred in the 1975 match between the United States and Italy. The Italian player's one club bid at the first table was artificial and indicated at least 16 points. North's one diamond response showed a relatively weak hand. East's three heart bid was presumptuous and South's four spade bid meant just what it said.
Why West failed to bid five hearts is difficult to explain. West led a heart and South made four spades, scoring 430 points.
At the second table, the bidding went:
South West North East
1♣ Dole Pass 2♣
3♣ (1) Pass Pass 4♥
Pass (1) Pass Pass
Why South bid only three spades and then, amazingly, passed four hearts is also difficult to explain. Whatever the reason, he paid a heavy penalty for it. The Italian East made five hearts (450 points) after South led the ace and another spade. So Italy made a game with the North-South cards and a game with the East-West cards, thus gaining 870 points on the deal.

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| Mecca | 5:26 | 6:52 | 12:18 | 3:25 | 5:42 | 7:12 |
| Medina | 5:33 | 6:58 | 12:20 | 3:21 | 5:37 | 7:07 |
| Nejd | 4:59 | 6:28 | 11:47 | 2:48 | 5:04 | 6:34 |

DHAHRAN TV

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| 4:30 Children's Show | Sesame Street No. 1187 |
| 6:16 Diff 'Rent Strokes | No. 110 |
| 6:41 Special | Ralph Sings McTell |
| 7:08 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em | Episode 3 |
| 7:38 Anna Karenina | Episode 1 |
| 8:27 Lou Grant | Prisoner |
| 9:14 Strange Report | Skeleton |

VOA

| P.M. | News Summary |
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| 8:00 News Roundup | 10:30 VOC Magazine |
| Reports: Actualities | America: Science |
| Opinion: Analyses | Cultural: Letter |
| 8:30 Dateline | 11:00 Special English: News |
| News Summary | 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz) |
| 9:00 Special English | VOA WORLD REPORT |
| News: Feature, The Making of a Nation | Midnight |
| News Summary | |
| 9:30 Music USA: (Standards) | 12:00 News newsmakers' voices |
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| 2:01 Holy Quran | 9:05 Gems of Guidance |
| 2:05 Gems of Guidance | 9:10 Light Music |
| 2:10 Saudi Tableau | 9:15 The World Atlas |
| 2:20 On Islam | 9:45 Companions of the Prophet |
| 2:30 Off the Record | 10:00 Arabic by Radio |
| 3:00 NEWS | 10:15 NEWS |
| 3:10 Music | 10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle |
| 3:20 Leaps and Bounds | 10:30 The Evening Show |
| 3:30 A Selection of Music | 11:00 Dates of Remember |
| 3:40 | 11:10 |
| 3:50 Closedown | 11:15 Late Evening Hits |
| | 11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams |
| | 12:00 Closedown |

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Don't mix business with pleasure. Resist the temptation to gamble or to take financial risks. Conservative tactics are best.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Tension on the home front. A spouse or relative is perturbed. Avoid hysterics. A common sense approach to problems brings solutions.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

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CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

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LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

A relative seems flighty, but a level-headed talk about realities restores sanity. Keep tabs on your spending. Budget!

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Don't try to escape problems. Deal with the facts.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Stay clear of financial tangles with friends. Little privacy will help you issues clearly. Be mouthed about finances.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Career ideas need a study. A talk with an old is productive. Attend to obligations. Don't be on SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Don't consult with about proposed changes. Instead within yourself your objectives. Changes re plans.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Neither a borrower lender be. A friend useful to re publish schools or travel. Good from a distance.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Career priorities conflict with the needs of ones. Show partners an ally your affection, attend to business.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

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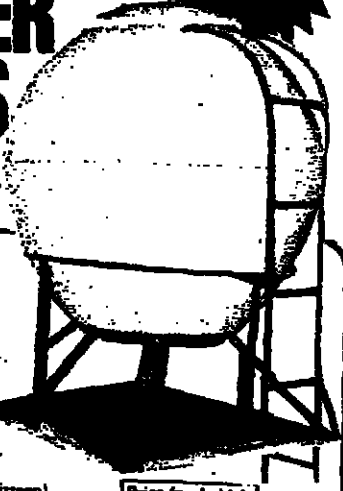
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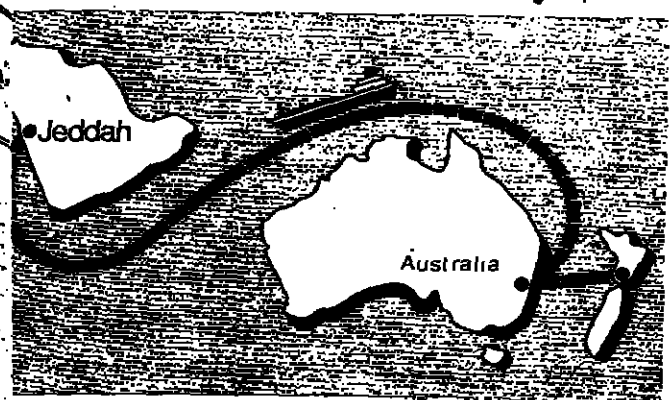
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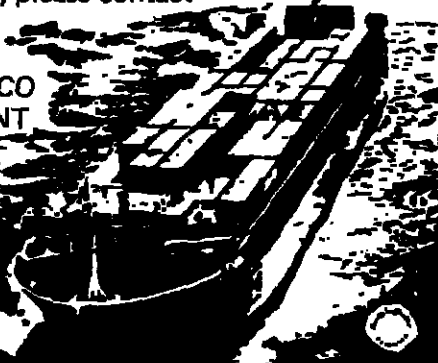
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International

Holland's parliament defies U.S. plan for new missile deployment in Europe

THE HAGUE, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — Dutch Prime Minister Andreas van Agt returned from Washington Saturday to fight for his government's survival in a dispute over NATO nuclear missiles.

He had spent the past two days explaining to government leaders in Italy, Britain and the United States why the Netherlands was reluctant to go along with NATO plans to install new nuclear missiles in Europe.

During his absence, the Dutch parliament defied the cabinet and passed a motion ordering it not to agree with the production and deployment of 572 cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in five countries, including the Netherlands.

Asked by reporters how he felt about his government's parliamentary defeat, van Agt replied: "not like a defeated man."

If the Dutch government agrees to any form of missile modernization it could face a no-confidence motion in the lower house during a debate on the results of the NATO conference scheduled for Dec. 20.

Van Agt said the western alliance was more important than the Dutch cabinet's survival, but he doubted whether the matter should be seen in this light.

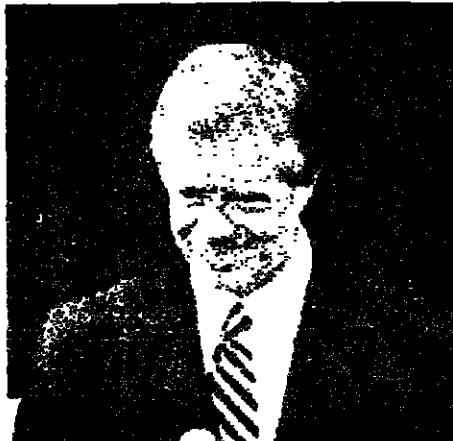
He said that President Carter had shown understanding for the Dutch cabinet's difficulties.

U.S. administration officials Friday called unacceptable a Danish proposal to delay for six months a decision on modernizing nuclear weapons in Europe, to see if the Soviet Union would make concessions on arms control.

Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen issued a statement saying that he had received American comments on his proposal and will take them back for his government to consider before it makes a final decision.

He said the Danes want to see if the Soviets would stop production and deployment of the SS-20 missile and the Backfire bomber, and if they would be ready to enter "genuine arms control talks" on the modernizing of American missiles in Europe.

"If a clear signal to this end is not received within the next six months," he said, "Denmark would be prepared to join a



President Carter

NATO decision on modernization and arms control.

In the course of negotiations with the United States on strategic weapons SALT, the Soviets have agreed to limit production of the Backfire bombers but not to stop it.

Olesen met Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Zbigniew Brzezinski, the president's security adviser, and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

President Jimmy Carter spoke Friday with Norwegian minister Odvar Nordli as well as van Agt, both from countries where there is strong opposition to the modernization of American weapons in Europe. After the meetings Jody Powell, the president's press spokesman, said the president is still confident that there will be a favorable decision next week from the North Atlantic council on the modernization program.

U.S. officials are still saying that they hope the Dutch can associate themselves with the decision in some way.

Van Agt was reported to have told Dutch reporters in Washington that his government would remain in power until it was dismissed. In theory it could commit the Dutch government to a NATO decision and take the risk of being thrown out of office afterwards. Whether it will actually take that risk will have to be decided at the cabinet meeting.

NATO decisions are made by consensus but complete unanimity is not necessary. It would be possible for a limited group of countries to accept the new weapons, with the silent consent of the others. West Germany, where the bulk of them would be placed, is ready to accept them if at least one other ally on the continent also does so. France, Denmark, Norway and Luxembourg do not allow U.S. nuclear weapons on their soil in any case, but the Italian parliament has voted to allow the new missiles.

Carter said at his talks with van Agt, the modernization program would be "a major step toward greater arms control and a reduction on the arsenals of both conventional and nuclear weapons."

He made similar remarks as he met Nordli. In both instances, reporters and photographers were allowed into the president's Oval Office to make sure his message was heard in Europe.

"There are two basic commitments we share completely," Carter said to Nordli. "One is strength and unity to make sure any potential adversary knows we are unified in our purpose of defending Western Europe and the free world."

"The second is a constant and increasing commitment to arms control both in conventional weapons and nuclear weapons."

President Carter is still confident there will be a positive decision by NATO next week on modernizing nuclear weapons in Europe, Powell said Friday.

"At the same time the Social Democratic Party in Germany has taken a different view," Powell said, "as did the Italian parliament, and the position of the U.S. government is also clear. So we expect a positive decision."

Powell said he did not know that the procedure would be for getting it. He referred questions on this subject to the State Department.

Van Agt spent one hour and 55 minutes at the White House — including a 25-minute meeting with President Carter.

After Carter left the meeting with van Agt, the discussions continued with Vance and Brzezinski.

If sent to Rhodesia before ceasefire

Patriotic Front warns London of risks to governor's life

LONDON, Dec. 8, (Agencies) — Guerrilla leaders said that Lord Soames, named Friday as British governor of Rhodesia, could risk being shot if he went there before a ceasefire.

The arrival of Lord Soames, 59, a senior government minister, would formally end the white-led rebellion begun 14 years ago in the British colony.

British officials said he could go there some time next week, whether or not a final agreement had been signed at the London peace talks now in their fourth month.

For a day or two, Lord Soames could be in charge with the war still going on, British officials said.

At a press conference later, Lord Soames said the guerrilla suggestion that he might be a target was hypothetical. "I am sure good arrangements will be made to look after me."

Asked about his experience of Africa, he said he had never been to Rhodesia and had only visited one or two African countries briefly. "But I will have quite a lot of people around me. I won't lack wise advice."

Lord Soames said he did not underestimate the problems but "it is a great challenge and great opportunity ... I go into this with complete confidence."

The conference continued Saturday with Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders at one stage saying Britain's ceasefire plan, to which they have agreed in principle, was "insane." Guerrilla spokesman Eddison Zvobgo, asked at a press conference if he felt Lord Soames would be safe, said that anyone with a white skin was a target.

Kennedy denies anti-Shah remarks pose danger to hostages in Tehran

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 8 (AP) — Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) suggested Friday that the safety of the 50 American hostages in Iran may be enhanced by the questions he has raised about the Shah's future in the United States.

Kennedy's political rivals have charged that his accusing the Shah of being a criminal may complicate efforts to win the release of imprisoned Americans.

Speaking on a nationwide radio broadcast in Iowa, Kennedy said, "To tell you the truth, my own sense is it may enhance the security and release of the hostages."

He then asked his questioner, "Can you give us any assurances that granting permanent asylum to the Shah in the United States, that that's going to enhance their security?"

A Kennedy spokesman later said the senator had said much the same thing earlier about the effect his discussion of the Shah could have on the hostages.

Kennedy also said recent public opinion polls which show President Jimmy Carter gaining on him are a result in part of the Iranian situation and a national "sense of



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unification" of concern for the hostages. The senator made his remarks as he traveled through Iowa in an effort to build support for the state's caucuses.

He is challenging the president for the 1980 Democratic nomination and has said Iowa will provide the first real test between the two.

Lord Soames will oversee the ceasefire and the transition period up to the swearing-in of the new government, expected to take place about four months from the end of the conference.

A son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill, he has been an ambassador, administrator, and at present holds the post of Lord President of the Council, which ranks him second to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the cabinet.

He probably faces the most daunting task of any British envoy since the late Earl Mountbatten guided India into independence in 1947.

He will have full legislative and executive power, as well as responsibility for maintaining a cease-fire in the guerrilla war that has claimed 20,000 lives in the past seven years.

If he succeeds in holding blacks and whites together during the transition period before majority-rule elections, an independent Zimbabwe, free of international sanctions, is supposed to emerge next spring.

In 1947, he married the youngest of Churchill's three daughters, Mary. They have three sons and two daughters.

After losing his seat Lord Soames, describing himself as an "ardent European," was asked by the former Labor government of Sir Harold Wilson to serve as ambassador to France.

His tenure in Paris 1968, to 1972, was lively. "His parties in the Faubourg St. Honore have acquired the reputation of being the best in Paris," the *Sunday Times* said at the time.

He was embarrassed, however, in 1969 by what the French papers called "L'Affaire Soames," a row that exploded when he circulated controversial off-the-cuff comments by then President Charles de Gaulle on Europe's future.

He left Paris to take a job as one of two British members of the Common Market Commission. For the next four years, until January 1977, he was the commission's vice president for external affairs, in effect Common Market foreign minister.

Lord Soames has been a director of N.M. Rothschild and Sons Ltd. merchant bank since 1977 and of National Westminster Bank since 1978. When Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party won last May's general election, Soames joined her cabinet as Lord President of the Council, Conservative leader in the House of Lords.

Well over six feet tall and once described as close to "Churchillian" girth, Lord Soames underwent heart surgery in London in January 1977, reportedly to have three arteries bypassed by vein grafts.

Lord Soames will take over primary responsibility for the Rhodesia question from Foreign Minister Lord Carrington who has, on several occasions, jerked the conference out of the doldrums with deadlines and ultimatums.

When a Salisbury government delegate failed to keep an appointment he pronounced



GREEN PASTURES: In a field near Zurich, a farmer assembles his flock.

Over Three Mile Island

Carter sacks nuclear chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter, declaring that "every possible step" must be taken to improve nuclear power safety, announced Friday that he is replacing Joseph Hendrie as chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carter's move came as he responded for the first time to the findings of a presidential commission investigating the accident last March at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania.

White House aides said Hendrie's demotion was aimed at providing "fresh leadership" at the NRC, which the presidential panel had assailed as a "headless" agency. Carter said he would appoint someone from outside to head the NRC.

The decision to replace Hendrie fell far short of the recommendations made by the

12-member investigative commission headed by John G. Kemeny, president of Dartmouth College.

The panel's report, released on Oct. 25, called for a total reorganization of the NRC and said the regulatory agency should be headed by a single administrator.

Carter said he endorsed the NRC's present moratorium on issuance of new reactor construction permits and operating licenses. But he urged the agency "to complete its work as quickly as possible" and resume licensing within six months.

The president said he is asking government agencies "to implement virtually all of the recommendations of the Kemeny Commission." And he said he is asking Congress for a \$49.2 billion addition to the NRC budget this fiscal year to "speed the implementation of reforms."

The NRC, an offshoot of the old Atomic Energy Commission, had come under increasing criticism by the commission for its handling of the reactor accident on March 28.

Carter said he plans to ask Congress to strengthen the role of the NRC chairman, giving him authority to act as a chief executive officer able to "put needed safety requirements and procedures in place."

Carter gave no hint of any desire to abolish the commission.

But he acknowledged that there are serious safety problems at nuclear power plants. Nonetheless, he asserted, "nuclear power does have a future ... it's an option that we must keep open."

Saying it furnishes approximately 13 percent of the United States' electricity needs, Carter said nuclear energy "is critical if we are to be free as a country" from reliance on oil imported from overseas.

In calling for improvements in safety features at the nation's 70 commercial nuclear reactors, Carter vowed that "we cannot shut the door on nuclear power for the United States."

Newly independent

Grenadine island rebels

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent (AP) — Vincent and the Grenadines, a six-week-old nation in the Caribbean, faced an armed insurrection on one of the Grenadine Islands Friday.

The uprising was reported on Union Island, 65 kilometers south of here. The government, which has no army, was taking "firm action as indicated," official radio said.

Prime minister Milton Cato appealed to the United States, Britain and Barbados for help "because St. Vincent doesn't have an army."

Fourteen police, armed with World War I rifles and sub-machine guns, were being sent

from St. Vincent to Union Island. Union Island is about 1.5 kilometers wide and five kilometers long and has about 5,000 people.

The government radio in St. Vincent said an "unidentified force" had taken over the airport and police station on Union Island after an explosion near the police station. It said communication with the island was cut.

Neighboring Grenada denied any involvement, in an official statement issued by Secretary for Information Phyllis Coard.

Grenada and St. Vincent share possession of the Grenadines, which stretch between the two main islands.

Union Island is the southernmost of the Grenadines attached to St. Vincent. It is about six kilometers from Carriacou, at the northern end of the Grenada-owned Grenadines.

In St. Vincent's capital of Kingstown, police with rifles took up positions around the ministerial building, the international cable office, and the airport.

Some shopkeepers shut their doors.

Radio reports from Barbados said that nation's prime minister, Tom Adams, was meeting defense advisers to consider the St. Vincent request for military aid. The request to the United States was forwarded to Washington, the U.S. embassy said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazem

Of an eternal battle. Once upon a time — it seems now quite a different age — when Qaddafi of Libya was friends with Sadat of Egypt, to the extent that only between the two countries was considered, the Egyptian president took Qaddafi to a meeting in Cairo, a meeting of the Egyptian women's movement.

Now feminism in Egypt has a long and honorable history, with which the Libyan leader was no doubt familiar — though, perhaps, not very happy. In any case, the battle was soon joined, with the angry women leaders denouncing the good Colonel's views right and left. It was his turn to answer, and this was the gem he brought forth:

Women are not equal to men, he said, because — wait for it — show me a lady in a stage of advanced pregnancy who can make a parachute jump in battle conditions. The ladies' answer is not recorded. Perhaps it was unprintable. Perhaps, as they say, there is no answer to that:

The great French leader Charles de Gaulle, arguing once against equality between men and women said that the ladies have lost even the battle of the kitchen. The greatest chefs in France and throughout the world being men.

Libya, France, and now Britain. Recent developments here show that Englishmen exhibit no undue worry about pregnant women's abilities to conduct suicidal airborne assault or even to outdo the great chefs of the Savoy. The problem that aroused a great deal of consternation here is the attempt by ladies of a certain village to take up the hobby of leek-growing.

Now the noble leek (Allium porrum), of course, to our educated readership, is always been a male preserve. The ladies of the village, by taking up their growing were compounding an offence no less serious, with which the men folk of the village had just barely been able to put up. They had successfully — and the success itself perhaps was the insult — had taken up pigeon fancying and racing.

The menfolk, spying on their women as they got up at four in the morning to run to garden and allotment to take care of their plants, were horrified to see the size of the specimens being produced. The next agricultural show will decide who the winner.

The ladies themselves are showing a inclination towards peace. Their spokesman (who) men said that it is really competition between women only, since their agricultural techniques have far outstripped those of the men.

An air of doom settles on the village these evenings. Several men have booted passages to Australia, others are mulling darkly about witchcraft, still others a considering divorce.

You shall be kept informed ...
Translated from Ashraf Al Awad.

India behind in Test

NEW DELHI, Dec. 8 (R) — Pakistan a slight edge over India, chasing a victory target of 398 at the end of the fourth day of the second cricket test here Saturday. They were 117 for two at the close having skipper Sunil Gavaskar and his opening partner, Chetan Chauhan.

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